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ENCLOSURE TO LETTER TO SAC, Milwaukee

DATED 7/27/60

RE: COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION CONDITIONS  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
WSTA

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COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION CONDITIONS

in

HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
and environs

June 1960

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## ASHA COMMUNITY INVESTIGATION REPORTS

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and environs

(Pop. 3, 100 - 1950 Census)

S U R V E Y

of

COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION CONDITIONS

Report of Study:

Hurley, Wisconsin, for many years has had the reputation of being -

"A very wide open town..."

It was found to be running true to form. Cabdrivers when questioned, stated that -

"It's always been that way..."

They further advised:

"Everybody knows what's going on... 'Houses'?...  
They are right in the same block with the  
hotels..."

"The bars are just a front for 'houses'  
(brothels)... There are about 57 bars and  
you can make out in about 11 of them..."

Inquiries made in hotels caused many individuals to say:

"There are plenty of 'houses' open for that  
stuff... Nothing in the hotels... Guys  
when they make pickups in bars take 'em to  
motels in Ironwood, Michigan, a town just  
over the state line..."

"Some bars have strippers and 'B girls', too...  
Try the Band Box..."

Kalasardo's Band Box, 22 Silver was visited. "Strippers" who executed rather lewd and indecent movements were observed to double as "B girls" immediately after they finished their so-called acts.

a woman of 30 years of age, had just completed her "bumps and jerks" as she called her performance, came forward and said:

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"Buy me a drink, brandy and water, it is only \$1.50... Well, maybe I'm one 'stripper' that's different... Buy me a drink and find out..."

"Honey, I love sleeping with men... Look (she exposed her naked breasts after removing the bangles); does that prove I'm serious?... I never set a price, I let the fellow be kind and generous... O.K. honey..."

"I'll tell you, I never go for less than \$25... Honey, whatever you want will be yours, anything... We can't use the hotels in town... We use the motels, over in Ironwood, Michigan..."

"You could take a room at the St. James Hotel, (215 Suffolk, Ironwood, Michigan), then I could join you after the show at 4 A.M.... Get me another drink, also cigarettes... Don't you think Dagmar deserves a nice tip? (bartender)..."

"I'll look for you tomorrow night then, I have to go on now..."

After [ ] disappeared, another "stripper" took a seat at the investigator's table and asked -

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"Buy me a drink?... Brandy and water... I could be nice to you... I'm Ramona or Mona..."

Mona opened her flowing wrap and exposed her entirely nude body. She added:

"Honey, I don't charge when I go, but I like to have a fellow spend some money on me... Suppose I join you for lunch tomorrow?..."

When Mona was taken for lunch she had much to say about the racket in Hurley. In substance she stated:

"I'm from Chicago, I've been here since April... As I told you, I don't charge like the other 'girls', they ask from \$20 to \$50..."

"I feel if a guy is going to spend that, he could go across the street..."

"After the show tonight, you could take a room at the St. James Hotel (215 Suffolk, Ironwood, Michigan), then tell me the room number tonight..."

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"There's five 'strippers' here... One as you saw is colored... All of us live here over the club... The colored 'girl' lives home... None of us can have visitors here... That's why we go to Ironwood to 'date'..."

Mona then stated that all "strippers" receive a salary and a percentage on all drinks which they are instrumental in getting "suckers" to buy them. She added:

"Those drinks we sell you know, it isn't liquor... We aren't supposed to drink any whiskey..."

"I'll look for you tonight; I'm very passionate, I'll show you a good time... Let me surprise you on how I'll love you..."

"A lot of the bars across the street are real 'houses'... Most of them are owned by the people that own the Carnival Club (14 Silver Street)... Of course, there's a big payoff otherwise none of these joints couldn't run..."

The Carnival Club had been no sooner entered when Claire, a "B girl stripper" about 35 years of age, one of nine "strippers" present, followed the same line as Mona. She asked for a drink for which \$1.50 was paid. The bartender promptly gave her a receipt from the cash register which she placed in her purse. She said:

"That's my commission... Honey, I'm available... I'm from New York... But we can't go to Santini's Hotel, he doesn't allow 'girls' there... Either a motel in Ironwood, Michigan or the St. James Hotel (215 Suffolk) same city... I never discuss price, I feel a fellow will treat me right..."

"I don't \_\_\_ for nothing; at least \$30... That would be a real good time, everything..."

"Buy me cigarettes..."

"Well, 'girls' have to be careful, never know when you may be talking to a cop... Are you one?... I can see you at the St. James Hotel tonight or tomorrow... You will have to get the room, then let me know the number..."

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Much the same situation developed at the Famous Club, 1st & Silver where six "stripper B girls" were on duty.

Marty, a 25 year old, lost no time in latching on to the investigator. She introduced herself as Marty, claimed to be from New Orleans, and immediately ordered the usual "downs" (watered drink). She added:

"I wouldn't be able to perform long if it was real... We get a cut for each drink..."

"I never acted as a 'stripper' before, I did a specialty..."

"Here, I was told 'strip or else', so here I am..."

"I don't 'date' yet, but I believe some of the other girls do..."

"Come back, maybe you and I can work something out..."

The first brothel visited was found to be disguised as the Hi Hat Bar, 23 Silver. Pat, the barmaid asked:

"Where are you from?... Well, have to be careful that you're not a state cop... Honey, I'm available, there's a room in the back..."

"This whole street is mainly cat houses..."

"We charge \$10 minimum..."

"Well, we have a form of 'hustlers' union around town... We all agreed to charge the same prices..."

"The 'houses' are this place (Hi-Hat Bar, (23 Silver)), Hi-Ho Bar (21 Silver), Blondie's Ritz Bar, (17 Silver), Aggie's, (13 Silver), Kay's, (7 Silver), across the street Margaret's Bar, (18 Silver), the Triangle Bar, (116 Silver), Connie's Drum Stick, (403 Silver)..."

"Hon, those are the local whore houses... Aggie's?... She was raided last week, but it is O.K. now... It got cleared up..."

"There's one other girl here, she's the blonde, only a kid about 20..."

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At Anne's brothel, the Hi-Ho Bar, 21 Silver, the madam was on duty. She promptly introduced [ ] a "girl" about 25 years old and said:

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"Would you like to go in back for a 'date'?...  
Ten to start... You won't have to worry, it  
is okay here... O.K., I'll be here until  
2 A.M...."

Delores, one of the two inmates at Blondie's Ritz Bar, 17 Silver was behind the bar. She appeared to be about 25 years old. She asked:

"Would you like to go upstairs for a 'date'?...

"I don't like to discuss price at the bar...  
Well, \$10 would be the cheapest one, then on  
up... Don't drink too much if you come back,  
O.K.?..."

Joan's (French Casino) 19 Silver was visited.

Joan, a filthy-mouthed madam, directed her remarks to four men at the bar.

She employed vulgar and obscene terms in soliciting their patronage. Her entire conversation dealt with sexual perversion and she added:

"I'll take all of you on because my 'girl' is  
not here now..."

Aggie Perlberg, the madam at Aggie's Bar, 13 Silver was recently arrested and fined \$100 and \$4.50 in costs in the County Court. Lisa, one of her two inmates, a 20 year old "girl", said:

"Sure we're back in business, going strong...  
How about a party upstairs?... Anything you  
want for \$10... So you'll come back?... Well  
let's have a drink anyhow..."

When Aggie was questioned she stated:

"Yes, I did have some trouble last week, but  
it is O.K. now... It was just spite... One  
of my competitors turned me in because I do  
more business than they do and have younger  
'girls'... A lot of seamen and miners are  
regulars here... I'll break a rule and take  
a drink..."



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At that point she introduced Collette, an inmate about 20 years of age.  
She asked:

"Would you like a 'date' upstairs?... I'll  
be here until 2 A.M.... It will be O.K.,  
Aggie got everything straightened out..."

Margaret, the madam at Margaret's brothel, 18 Silver, revealed:

"I have one advantage, I own my place...  
Business has been pretty good... We will  
do better; there is an army camp going up  
not too far away... We will even do better  
then..."

At that moment [ ] a woman about 35 years old asked:

"Are you interested in a party?... In back,  
(behind a partition at the end of bar and  
entered through door at washroom)..."

"Ten dollars for a regular, and up for anything  
else... I'll be here until 2 A.M...."

The Triangle Inn, 116 Silver had only one inmate on duty at the time it  
was visited. The "girl" in question, [ ] by name, appeared to be in her early  
twenties.

As soon as foot was set into the establishment [ ] asked:

"Do you want a party?... In back there's a  
room... Same as other places, \$10 and up..."

"I'll be available until the bars close at 2 A.M...."

The owner of the Drumstick, 403 Silver acted as greeter. He said:

"I work days, my wife runs the bar at night...  
There are some 'houses' on the other end of  
town... Be careful you don't get clipped...  
We have 'hustlers' here, too, but you have to  
take 'em out to hotels or motels in Ironwood..."

Three alleged prostitutes were on hand. They were in conversation with  
three young adults whom they were overheard trying to induce to accept immoral  
offers.

The bartender at Bertha's, 15 Silver, was drawn into conversation. He  
explained:

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"Bertha don't have any 'girls' now... We expect to get some to come to work..."

"It takes time to set this up as a 'joint' again..."

"If you want, you can get fixed up at Aggie's, Kay's, or Margaret's... They got 'girls' there now..."

In the following "drink spots" pickups were made and seen to occur:

Leo's Bank Club  
220 Silver

Nora's  
118 Silver

Mac's Bar  
216 Silver

George's  
100 block Silver

4-Ever Amber Bar  
405 Silver

The women met did not indicate they were available for immoral purposes.

A patron explained:

"The stuff you find here goes for free when they get to know you..."

"This is a racket town... A clique runs all the joints, and believe me, there's a terrific pay-off..."

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## REGULATIONS

The cooperation of the American Social Hygiene Association\* with the Armed Forces is referred to in regulations of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

References to these regulations are given below, together with quotation of the Air Force regulation.

Department of the Army\*\*  
Washington 25, D.C., 3 March 1948  
AR 600-10, 09

Navy Department\*\*  
Washington, D.C., 13 January 1949  
General Order No. 18

Department of the Air Force  
Washington, 26, March 1958  
Air Force Regulation No. 125-11  
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## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards

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AFR 1-4 26 March 1958, is changed as follows:

5. How the American Social Hygiene Association\* Cooperates with the Armed Forces:

(a) Periodic Studies. The American Social Hygiene Association\* makes periodic studies in metropolitan areas and in communities near large military installations on commercialized prostitution and related conditions affecting members of the Armed Forces. Copies of these studies are furnished installation commanders in the immediate vicinity of the area in which the study was conducted, and to commanders of ConAC and Headquarters Command, USAF, as appropriate, by the Executive Director of the Association.

(b) Requests for Specific Studies. The Association will also make special studies of specific communities when deemed appropriate by installation commanders. Requests will be routed through the appropriate commander, ConAC Numbered Air Force, to the Commander, ConAC, who will forward them to the Executive Secretary of the Association. Because of the limited number of investigators available to the Association, requests will be held to a minimum.

(c) Private Information. As studies of prostitution and related conditions are the private information of the Association, any copies furnished to the Commander, Continental Air Command, or to other commanders, are for limited official use only. Care will be taken to insure that this material does not fall into the hands of unauthorized persons, and that no publicity is given to the studies, or any part of them.

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\*\* Similar Regulations

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(Address of contributor)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

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Description: NOTES OF SAS PEGGS  
\_\_\_\_\_ RE: \_\_\_\_\_ (LNU),

BARNAID, GAND BOY  
File No. 31-1910-1A (1)

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Nov. 19, 1954  
Hurley, Wisc.

AT KALASARDO'S BAND BOX NIGHT CLUB

1<sup>00</sup> AM — 5<sup>15</sup> AM

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DESCRIPTION

[ ] (LNU), WAITRESS, APP. 5'2", 130 lbs.,  
DYEED BLACK HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION,  
WEARING BRIGHT RED BLAUSE, YELLOW  
CARDIGAN SWEATER, DARK GREY SKIRT  
IMPRINTED WITH RED FLOWERS, BUILD  
CHUNKY, DARK-EYED, APP. 32-34 YRS. OF AGE.

ACTIVITY

EMPLOYED AS BARMAID THROUGHOUT  
EVENING, ADMITTED HUSTLING AFTER  
5<sup>00</sup> AM, NO EVIDENCE OF DRINKING OR  
HUSTLING ON DUTY, SERVED "COLD" DRINKS,  
WATER OR TEA FROM "COLD" BOTTLE  
TO PERFORMERS THROUGHOUT EVENING,  
STATED SHE HAD BEEN THERE 4 MONTHS

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Club Francis

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1:00 ~~pm~~ am.

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Entertainers:

[redacted]

W/F; 30; 5'5"; 130; Auburn hair

Worn very long Polish looking.

Bared breasts during act - otherwise not obscene.

[redacted]

W/F; 33-35; 5'5"; 140 lb; stocky;

Black Hair; long thin face. exposed breasts during strip act - otherwise not obscene.

[redacted]

W/F 35, 5'7", 145; stocky build,

Black Hair & alive comp. eyes close set; exposed breasts during act - otherwise not obscene.

all girls solicited drinks from customers & observed by [redacted]

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: October 14, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6  
b7CSUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT *Survey*  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

It is to be noted that contacts with informants in the past has revealed that during each hunting season numerous prostitutes together with their procurers arrive in the Hurley area. [REDACTED] has noted that several of these prostitutes stay in Ironwood, Michigan, with their "boy friends" and noted that they are transported each evening from Ironwood, Michigan, to Hurley, Wisconsin, in order to work in the various bars and brothels. In connection with Milwaukee file 31-1849, it is to be noted that a surveillance of the Subjects resulted in observing them transport a Victim from Ironwood, Michigan, to Hurley, Wisconsin, at which time the Victim was placed in a known house of ill fame. [REDACTED] has previously advised that agents who are not acquainted in the Hurley area could surveil these individuals and undoubtedly observe them crossing the state line. Informant has indicated a willingness to determine the identity of the Victims, their procurers, automobiles in which they travel and motels or hotels in which they will reside in Ironwood, Michigan, during the hunting season. The Cigarette, Beverage and Tax Division of the State of Wisconsin is well aware of the influx of prostitutes and gamblers in the Hurley area during the hunting season and each year conduct an investigation in that area during this period.

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The above information is being set forth in the event it is deemed desirable to have three or four agents who are not known in the Hurley area conduct an investigation relative to possible WSTA violations during the hunting season in Hurley, which season begins November 20, 1954.

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cc: [REDACTED]

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1. Notes of SA's Peggs and  re  (LNU)  
Barmaid, Band Box

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2. Notes Club Francio

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3. obscene material re prostitution Hurly, viz 6/26/52



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: November 9, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: WSTA  
(HURLEY, WISCONSIN)

A review of the information submitted in the Milwaukee General Investigative Intelligence Report dated October 8, 1954, indicates considerable prostitution activities at Hurley, Wisconsin. On page 23 and 24 there is a list of 16 places having from one to six girls operating as prostitutes. Most of the information received regarding Hurley, Wisconsin, appears to have been obtained from [redacted] and District Attorney George Sullivan, Iron County, Wisconsin. Other information contained in the file appears to indicate that the Wisconsin State Alcoholic Beverage Tax Commission Agents would be cooperative in causing arrests and furnishing information.

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The Detroit General Investigative Intelligence File submitted on August 13, 1954, indicates that Chief of Police, John D. Sullivan, Ironwood, Michigan, is familiar with the activities that occur at Hurley, Wisconsin, and may be able to furnish information regarding the individuals operating over there. In view of the close proximity of Ironwood, Michigan, and Hurley, Wisconsin, there is a possibility that the prostitutes operating at Hurley, Wisconsin, reside in Ironwood, Michigan, and are transported across the state line into Wisconsin. The local hotels at Ironwood may have registrations of the various girls and their pimps.

It is suggested that the Milwaukee and Detroit Divisions cause an immediate survey to be made of the area in an effort to develop violations of the White Slave Traffic Act. The sources indicated above may be utilized; however, it is suggested that confidential informants be developed who can furnish information which would be of assistance in producing White Slave Traffic Act cases.

This matter should receive preferred attention in the Milwaukee and Detroit Divisions and preliminary information submitted within 30 days after receipt of this communication.

cc: 2 = Detroit

ASAC [initials]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: November 12, 1954

FROM : SAs Thompson, [ ] and Peggs

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b7cSUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Pursuant to our discussion with you this date reBulet November 9, 1954 in which the Bureau suggested immediate survey of WSTA conditions in the Hurley area, the following plans have been formulated for your approval:

Eight Agents, 4 from Milwaukee and 4 from Detroit would proceed to the Hurley area and headquarter in or near Ironwood, Mich. between November 17, 1954 and approximately November 24, 1954. They would constitute the investigative and surveillance group handling the survey.

In addition, SA [ ] would be present to handle informants and contacts, and the resident Agent covering Ironwood, Mich. out of the Detroit office would be present to handle informants and contacts in his area.

It is proposed that the eight Agents during daytime hours would cover arrivals ~~of~~ ~~passenger~~ trains, busses and planes, in addition to running out specific leads arising during the course of the survey, and checking the area for known pimps, prostitutes and cars, especially those with out-of-state licenses.

It is further proposed that the 8 Agents will during evening and other appropriate hours conduct physical surveillances to determine whether prostitutes are being transported from Ironwood to Hurley by their pimps.

In order to implement this program, the following specific suggestions are being made concerning manpower, equipment and the cooperation of other offices:

CHICAGO ✓

Chicago would be immediately requested to check their GII file and contact appropriate WSTA informants to determine the identities of pimps and prostitutes who may be going to Hurley.

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CHICAGO (contd)

Chicago should furnish this office with photographs of pimps and prostitutes likely to be encountered around Hurley, as well as descriptions of cars which might be used by them.

Chicago should also carry to a logical conclusion any investigation suggested by contacts of informants, and check phone calls, as well as possible departures of pimps and prostitutes for Hurley.

DETROIT ✓

Detroit should be requested to furnish 4 experienced Agents, in addition to the resident Agent who regularly handles Ironwood, Mich. Per our conversation with you, these men would not be required to bring cars, but to depend on cars from this office. They could come to Milwaukee late on Tuesday, November 16, 1954 and drive to Hurley with the Agents leaving Milwaukee early the following morning.

The resident Agent handling Ironwood should be available at Ironwood on November 17, 1954 and should expect to be contacted by Agents from this office through the Ironwood PD, unless ~~Detroit~~ advises against this procedure.

The men from Detroit should be requested to bring with them hunting clothes or other appropriate old clothes which can be worn on surveillance.

Detroit should also be requested to have the resident Agent at Ironwood explore the possibilities of identifying phones from which pimps might be making long distance calls, and thereafter set up stops with the Telephone Co. so that these calls can be brought to our attention as soon as possible.

Detroit should also be requested to check their GII file and to contact appropriate confidential informants so that descriptions and photos of pimps and prostitutes who may be going to Hurley may be made available to us; they should also include descriptions of cars which may be used by pimps and prostitutes.

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Minneapolis should be requested to make available their sound truck, and to see that it is in condition for cold weather, and that the radio is in good operating order. The writers suggest that the truck be brought to Hurley through one of the three possibilities listed below:

Ask SAC Minneapolis to have it driven to Ironwood and placed in a garage before November 17, 1954.

Ask SAC, Minneapolis to have it driven to Eau Claire and placed in contract garage by November 16, 1954. AS SA Thompson has a police school on the evening of November 16, 1954 at Portage, Wis., he could take another Agent with him and early in the morning of November 17, 1954 leave for Eau Claire to pick up the truck, and drive it on to Hurley.

An Agent from Milwaukee could travel to Minneapolis and drive the truck to Hurley.

Minneapolis should also be requested to check their GII file and to contact informants for information regarding pimps and prostitutes who might be going to Hurley at this time.

Minneapolis should then furnish this office with photographs and descriptions of such persons, as well as descriptions of the cars they might use.

SA [redacted]

SA [redacted] is being contacted at this time, advised of our plans in general, and requested to immediately handle the following:

Obtain the identities of houses of prostitution which might be getting additional girls, and obtain their phone numbers, which should be furnished to Milwaukee immediately so that they can be checked with the phone company and a stop placed so this office can be advised of any long distance calls which might apply to this matter.

He should check with CIs and PCIs in the Hurley area for information on pimps and prostitutes who plan to invade the Hurley area at this time.

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He should also ascertain insofar as possible what pimps are in Hurley at this time, and should suggest the names of pimps and prostitutes who might be operating in Hurley during the hunting season, so that a search can be made of all files to select their photographs and descriptions, as well as descriptions of cars used by them.

He should be alert to any situations involving Chicago, Minneapolis or Detroit so that leads can be set out for these offices to surveille persons departing for Hurley.

He should make reservations for ten (10) men at several motels or places with suitable accommodations beginning night of November 11, 1954, as it may be difficult to get accommodations unless reservations are made well in advance. It is felt that these reservations should be made away from Hurley, either in Ironwood or outside of Ironwood.

It is suggested that SA [ ] come to Milwaukee on the night of November 15, 1954 so that he can spend the next day reviewing files and getting together all of the available background which will be of assistance in running this survey.

SA [ ]

A call has already been made to SA [ ] to contact the State Beverage Tax investigators to determine what plans they have for checking on operations in Hurley during the hunting season. [ ] was asked to advise the State Beverage Tax people that we plan some operations at Hurley just prior to and during the early part of the hunting season, and it would be better if they held off any of their arrests until possibly November 22, 1954, the third day of the hunting season.

[ ] was also told by SA [ ] who made the call, that we would have available photographic equipment and fingerprint equipment, which information was to be conveyed to the State Beverage Tax people.

[ ] was also told to ascertain who would lead any operations of the State Beverage Tax Unit around Hurley, and make arrangements so we could contact him at the scene of operations.

[ ] was also to discuss with the State Beverage Tax people the possibility of obtaining from them any advance information as to prostitutes coming into the area, and to determine what method they intend to use to develop proof of prostitution.

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EQUIPMENT

Agents from Milwaukee will take four (4) radio cars, among them numbers 1 and 12. One of these cars will be taken by SA Thompson on November 16, 1954 to Portage, Wis., where SA Thompson must appear at a police school from 7:45 to 9:45 P.M. In the event Minneapolis will drive the sound truck to Eau Claire, Thompson should take another Agent with him, leave early the next morning for Eau Claire, and see that the truck is brought to Hurley or Ironwood.

Other radio equipment being brought from Milwaukee consists of the 10 watt transmitter, and two handy-talkies. The movie camera, a speedgraphic, fingerprint equipment, binoculars, out-of-state license plates, miscellaneous supplies, pictures and descriptive data relating to pimps and prostitutes will constitute the other items needed from Milwaukee.

It is suggested that the following Agents from Milwaukee be assigned, in addition to SA [REDACTED] PEGGS, [REDACTED] THOMPSON and [REDACTED]



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TO : File (31-1910)

DATE: 11/15/54

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: WSTA  
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On 11/12/54 I contacted SAC F. H. MC INTIRE, Detroit, re plans in this case and requested he send 4 SAs to the scene to meet SAs from MI at Ironwood, Mich. through the RA on Wed. night. I requested they review their files for all information concerning the situation and the SAs assigned should be armed with as much information and photos as possible. SAC MC INTIRE indicated he did not think too much of the project and felt it was a fishing expedition. However, I advised him the Bureau has instructed us to handle this case and felt his office should do as instructed. He agreed. I also advised MC INTIRE of the fact our SAs would have 4 cars available and it would not be necessary for his men to have cars and they would work in pairs.

On the same date I contacted [redacted] Minneapolis office, in absence of SAC HOWARD and requested review of their files and forward this office any important information. He said they would comply.

On the same date I talked to Security Supervisor [redacted] Chicago Office, in absence of SAC BANNISTER and in absence of the criminal supervisor. I explained to him what the Bureau and MI Office desired in this matter. He said he would have necessary files reviewed and necessary CIs contacted and would make available to this office whatever they possibly could in this matter. I pointed out to him we should have it by Tues. next.

On the same date a conference was had with SAs [redacted] [redacted] JOSEPH G. PEGGS and RICHARD C. THOMPSON. It was agreed these 3 SAs plus SA [redacted] should proceed to Ironwood, Mich. on the morning of Wed. 11/17/54 and that SA [redacted] who is familiar with the area, should also proceed to Ironwood to meet with RA as well as the 4 SAs from Detroit and plan how to handle this matter. It was suggested they be very careful to make arrangements to avoid any identification of them as a group and in this way make their presence known throughout the area. The contents of memo of 11/12/54 were discussed thoroughly with these SAs.

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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Refer Bulet to Milwaukee with cc Detroit, November 9, 1954, requesting a WSTA survey be made at Hurley, Wisconsin, based on information previously submitted in the investigative intelligence reports of the Detroit and Milwaukee Offices. For the information of the Detroit Division, not having in its possession the information set out in the investigative intelligence reports of the Milwaukee Office, the following matter is being set out.

Investigation has reflected that at the present time the following houses of prostitution are operating at Hurley, Wisconsin:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REAL OWNER</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PROSTITUTES</u>
Blackhawk	RICHARD MATTRELLA and "JACKPOT" GASBARRI	2-4
Flame	RICHARD MATTRELLA and "JACKPOT" GASBARRI	3-5
Riverview	JOHN KALASARDO	1-3
Ritz	AGOTINO DI GEORGIO	1-3
Hi-Ho Club	JOE VITA	1-3
Smokey's	ANDREW RODEGHIERO	1-2
French Casino	JOHN RAJKOVICH	1-3
Holiday Inn	LOIS GASBARRI	2-6
Try Angle Inn	JAMES CEYLON SHIELDS	1-3
Gold Nugget	NORA ABRAHAM	1-2
Shorty & Mary's	JOHN SOFIA	1
Talk of the Town	JOHN RAJKOVICH	1-2

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>REAL OWNER</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PROSTITUTES</u>
Orchid Bar	"MA" SHOULDERS	1
Margarets	Mrs. PRITCHARD	1-2
Red Feather	LOUIS GASBARRI	1
Club Francis	JAMES FRANCIS and BELLA PAPPAS	1-2

It is to be noted that the Club Francis features strippers but due to poor business, JAMES FRANCIS advised that it was necessary to employ a couple of prostitutes. The Bowery Club, operated by JOHN CARLI is a bar which features strippers. According to [ ] and PEARL DA PRA, a PCI, these strippers will prostitute themselves after a show.

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The Carnival Club is the newest and probably the largest club in northern Wisconsin. It is operated by "JACKPOT" GASBARRI and WILLIAM MATTRELLA and is open twenty-four hours per day, serving food and liquor. This club has the largest number of entertainers of any of the clubs in northern Wisconsin and in addition to strippers, there are several B girls employed at the Club.

The Ron dee Voo Club, presently operated by JOHN KALASARDO, is reportedly featuring legitimate entertainment, but B girls are now employed there.

A symbol informant of the Milwaukee Division, of known reliability, had previously been contacted by an Agent of the Milwaukee Office in October, 1954. At the time of contact, this Informant advised that it has been his experience for the past several years that pimps from Illinois and Indiana have been bringing their prostitutes, generally by automobile, to Hurley, Wisconsin, to work in houses of prostitution during the hunting season. Specifically, this Informant advised that the following individuals who are presently under active investigation for WSTA activities by the Milwaukee Office, would, in all probability, be bringing their prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin, for the hunting season.

DONALD HARRIS, Wa.;  
RUBY HARRIS, Was. - VICTIM  
Milwaukee File 31-1817

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This pimp and prostitute operate out of Gary, Indiana, and Peoria, Illinois. Descriptive data concerning this pimp and prostitute has been obtained together with a complete description of his automobile. The aforementioned Informant stated that this Subject and Victim travelled to Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season of 1953 at which time the Victim prostituted herself at the French Casino, a house of prostitution.

KENNETH HARRY SCOTT, Was.;  
JOYCE CHANDLER SCOTT, Wa.-VICTIM  
WSTA, Milwaukee File 31-1828

The Subject and Victim of this case are from Gary, Indiana, and the Informant advised that the Subject brought this Victim to Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season of 1953 and placed her at the French Casino. Complete descriptive data relative to the Subject and Victim, and the description of the Subject's automobile is in the possession of the Milwaukee Office.

TOMMY RAY MOSIER, Wa.;  
MAX EDWIN TULLY, Was.;  
PETE PIAZZA, Wa.;  
MARIE FLORENCE TULLY,  
Was., Et al - VICTIMS  
WSTA, Milwaukee File 31-1849  
Detroit File 31-7441

Subject MAX TULLY and Victim in this case operate out of Gary, Indiana, and during the hunting season of 1953 he brought Victim MARIE FLORENCE TULLY to Hurley, Wisconsin, and placed her at the French Casino. Investigation has also reflected that TOMMY MOSIER has previously associated with Victim TULLY and has transported TULLY to Hurley, Wisconsin, for prostitutional purposes in the past.

Further investigation in this case reflects that PETE PIAZZA just recently transported a prostitute named LUCILLE and at the present time she is working from Gary, Indiana, to Hurley, Wisconsin, and she is now working for him as a prostitute at Jimmy Francis' Bar. Complete descriptive data on the Subjects and Victims in this case, together with automobiles they are driving, has already been obtained.

JOSEPH CHUDADA, Was.;  
SANDY - VICTIM  
WSTA, Milwaukee File 31-1889

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This Subject and Victim operate out of Chicago Heights, Illinois, and the Subject had the Victim working at Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season of 1953 at the Hi-Ho Club. The Victim is presently believed to be at Bolling Green, Kentucky, working as a prostitute and the previously mentioned Informant advised that he feels quite confident that the Victim will be coming to Hurley, Wisconsin, for the hunting season. Subsequent investigation has reflected that one FLOYD CALIGARO, who resides in Ironwood, Michigan, is attempting to take the Victim away from the Subject and is making great efforts at the present time to influence her to come to Ironwood, Michigan, to meet him at which time he intends to place her in a house of prostitution at Hurley. Complete descriptive data concerning the Subject and Victim in this case has previously been obtained.

The aforementioned Informant has stated that these are the only specific instances that he could recall at that time in which he can identify the Subjects and Victims who might be travelling together. However, the Informant has stated that it has been his experience in past hunting seasons at Hurley, Wisconsin, to have a new group of pimps and prostitutes coming to Hurley, Wisconsin, every year, where the pimps and prostitutes remain only during the hunting season, after which time they leave Hurley and he does not see them until the following hunting season. The Informant did state, however, that he feels quite confident that one JOSEPH BUDDY HOWELL, who formerly operated a house of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin, but who is now operating out of the Maryland Hotel at Chicago, Illinois, will in all probability be transporting prostitutes to Hurley during this hunting season.

The Informant was unable to give the identity of any of these prostitutes, but he stated that HOWELL works as a contact man for the procurement of prostitutes for the operators of the French Casino and Hi-Hat, two houses of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin. The Informant stated that it has been HOWELL'S practice in past hunting seasons, after having been contacted by these operators, to procure prostitutes from his various sources in Chicago and to transport them by automobile to Hurley, Wisconsin.

The Informant has also stated that several so-called show girls are hired through booking agencies in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of coming to Hurley, Wisconsin, to work as "strippers". The Informant continued that these "strippers", after they have finished their act, generally earn extra money by

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soliciting for prostitution among the customers who are in attendance at the clubs where they work.

The facts relative to this matter have previously been presented to the U. S. Attorney for the Western District at Madison, Wisconsin, and he has stated that he believes if investigation could develop that a contract has been entered into in the State of Illinois for the girl to come to Hurley, Wisconsin, to work as a "stripper" and prostitute, and that she subsequently does come to Hurley, Wisconsin, and so acts, that it is a violation of the WSTA Statutes, and that he would consider prosecution of operators of the various clubs at Hurley, Wisconsin, under this phase of the WSTA Statutes.

Based on the aforementioned information, it had been the intention of the Milwaukee Division to conduct investigation at Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season of 1954, inasmuch as the information which had been received from the Informant of the Milwaukee Office appeared to form a substantial basis upon which to begin this investigation.

It is the intention of the Milwaukee Division to conduct investigation at Hurley, Wisconsin, mainly through surveillance and informant contacts, during the duration of the Wisconsin hunting season, beginning just prior to the hunting season on November 17, 1954, and continuing as investigation justifies until on or about November 27, 1954. Close liaison will be maintained in this matter with the Detroit Division and Detroit will be furnished copies of all correspondence emanating from the Milwaukee Office.

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: SAC, MILWAUKEE

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SAC, MILWAUKEE

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SAC JAMES B. POSTER, MILWAUKEE OFFICE, TO THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE, IN THE AFTERNOON 11/12/54, IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER. [ ] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, WHO IS VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH PROSTITUTIONAL SITUATIONS IN THE MIDWEST, HAS ADVISED THAT A FEW MONTHS AGO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES RAIDED THE HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN HURLEY, WIS. INFORMANT HAS ADVISED THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT HURLEY AGAIN IS WIDE OPEN AND INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY MINNEAPOLIS GIRLS WERE HUSTLING IN HURLEY OR NOT, BUT THAT A CHECK OF THE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS OF THE KNOWN HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION WOULD ESTABLISH THIS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. INFORMANT STATED THAT INFORMATION IN MINNEAPOLIS IS TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL THE HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN SUPERIOR, WIS., ARE AGAIN RUNNING, THAT SAMMY CROKER AND DOROTHY CROKER ARE RUNNING THEIR PLACE ON TOWER AVE., AS IS EDNA KANE, 314 JOHN STREET. INFORMANT STATED THAT IRENE BELL, WA. IRENE SAXE, IS OPERATING HER HOUSE OF

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CC: [ ] (Minneapolis)

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PROSTITUTION AT 504 TOWER AVE. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MILDRED AND JOE DALBO, WHO FORMERLY OPERATED THE HILL ROOMS AT 1124 NORTH 3RD STREET IN SUPERIOR, WIS., HAVE LEFT SUPERIOR AND ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OPERATING A HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION IN N.D. OR MONT. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT THERE IS A TAVERN OPERATING AS A HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION ON THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OUTSIDE OF RHINELANDER, WIS. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT BETWEEN GREEN BAY, WIS., AND MARINETTE, WIS., THERE IS A TAVERN OPERATING AS A HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION. NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AT THE PRESENT TIME AVAILABLE AS TO THE KNOWN HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN WIS. - RUC -

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TO : SAC

DATE: November 16, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

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It was ascertained that there are two flights daily of North Central Airlines; one leaving Chicago at 8:15 A.M., arriving Ironwood, Michigan, 11:53 A.M., and one leaving Chicago at 4:30 P.M., via Milwaukee, and arriving Ironwood, Michigan, at 7:55 P.M. Previous contact was made with North Central Airlines Milwaukee Agent, CLYDE SUNDBERG, and he advised that the Milwaukee terminal had no information whatsoever concerning anyone boarding a plane in Chicago for Ironwood. He did state, however, that his office in Milwaukee would have information on anyone booking passage from Milwaukee to Ironwood. Mr. SUNDBERG was advised that he would be contacted on a daily basis by an Agent of this Office for that information. ASAC [REDACTED] has designated SA [REDACTED] to handle this matter.

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ASAC [redacted] Springfield Division, was contacted by the writer at 2:10 P.M., November 16, 1954. He was contacted in the case entitled "JOSEPH CHUDADA; SANDY - VICTIM, WSTA" Milwaukee file 31-1889.

ASAC [redacted] was requested to have Agents at Danville, Illinois, secure a photograph of SANDRA MORRIS, believed to be identical with the Victim SANDY in this case, from the Danville P.D., where she was previously arrested. It was also requested that Agents at Danville maintain contact with Informants to be alerted for any other pimps or prostitutes intending to go to Hurley, Wisconsin.

He was informed in the case of DONALD HARRIS; RUBY HARRIS, VICTIM, WSTA" Milwaukee file 31-1817. Investigation was requested

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at Peoria, Illinois, where the Subject and Victim are presently residing. ASAC [ ] was requested to have the Subject and Victim located and to have their activities covered concerning possible transportation to Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season.

A list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of houses of prostitution presently operating at Hurley, Wisconsin, was prepared by SA [ ] and was given to SA MAURICE H. PRICE with the request that SA PRICE check for a record of all long distance telephone calls made to and from those numbers for the past two weeks. SA [ ] was requested when these telephone numbers are available to obtain them with the assistance of SA PRICE.

*Hugh Norton*  
*Box 702 Ironwood, Michigan*  
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*[REDACTED] advised of reservations at Playa Hotel*  
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TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: November 18, 1954

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

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b7cSUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WIS.

At 11:58 A.M. November 18, 1954 SA  
[REDACTED] called and advised that the Agents  
were moving out of the hotel where located, and would  
stay in a cabin near Ashland.

They can be reached through the Sheriff's  
Office at Ashland, Wis.

SA [REDACTED] requested a photo of ALMER  
EDWARD JOHANSEN (MI 31-1794) be sent to him. This  
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ASAC [redacted] Springfield Division, was contacted by the writer at 2:10 P.M., November 16, 1954. He was contacted in the case entitled "JOSEPH CHUDADA; SANDY - VICTIM, WSTA" Milwaukee file 31-1889.

ASAC [redacted] was requested to have Agents at Danville, Illinois, secure a photograph of SANDRA MORRIS, believed to be identical with the Victim SANDY in this case, from the Danville P.D., where she was previously arrested. It was also requested that Agents at Danville maintain contact with Informants to be alerted for any other pimps or prostitutes intending to go to Hurley, Wisconsin.

He was informed in the case of DONALD HARRIS; RUBY HARRIS, VICTIM, WSTA" Milwaukee file 31-1817. Investigation was requested

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at Peoria, Illinois, where the Subject and Victim are presently residing. ASAC [ ] was requested to have the Subject and Victim located and to have their activities covered concerning possible transportation to Hurley, Wisconsin, during the hunting season.

A list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of houses of prostitution presently operating at Hurley, Wisconsin, was prepared by SA [ ] and was given to SA MAURICE H. PRICE with the request that SA PRICE check for a record of all long distance telephone calls made to and from those numbers for the past two weeks. SA [ ] was requested when these telephone numbers are available to obtain them with the assistance of SA PRICE.



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TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: November 17, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

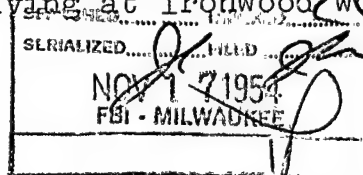
This is to advise that at approximately 9:30 A.M. November 17, 1954 ASAC [REDACTED] telephonically contacted Acting SAC [REDACTED] and advised that SAS [REDACTED] and WALTER b6 PETERS, who work 31 cases in Chicago, had a PCI whom they had b7C contacted, and who advised them that she had been invited to come to Hurley, Wis. by her close girlfriend by the name of [REDACTED] wa. Chris, who is presently working as a prostitute at the Holiday Inn operated by LOIS GASBARRI. ASAC [REDACTED] asked if the Agents working on this survey would be interested in this PCI traveling to Hurley for informant coverage.

At the suggestion of Acting SAC [REDACTED] the writer telephonically recontacted the Chicago office and spoke to SA Walt Peters. Peters stated that their PCI was one [REDACTED] He described her as born [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wis.; [REDACTED] SA Peters stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chicago. He stated that prior to that time, however, [REDACTED] Peters stated he had been told by [REDACTED] that she had been contacted by [REDACTED] from Hurley, Wis. just recently, and had been invited by [REDACTED] to b6 come to Hurley, Wis. to either work as a prostitute or just for b7C a visit. SA Peters stated that [REDACTED] is very much willing to b7D make this trip, and she is desirous of getting away for a little vacation. SA Peters stated he felt he could make satisfactory arrangements at the [REDACTED] through former SAC George McSwain, who is [REDACTED]

The writer suggested that if possible the only basis upon which we would be interested in having [REDACTED] come to Hurley, Wis. would be in the capacity of a visitor, and that it was not our intention that through our devices [REDACTED]

It was suggested by the writer that should arrangements be made whereby [REDACTED] would be able to make the trip to Hurley, Wis., that she should do so by booking passage directly to Ironwood, Michigan. SA Peters was advised that Agents would be covering the arrival of all planes and trains and busses at Ironwood on a daily basis, and that Agents upon seeing [REDACTED] arriving at Ironwood would be able

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to pick her up and fully brief her on the situation at Hurley.

SA Peters said he would attempt to contact [redacted] today and get her to make this trip, and he would try to get her on her way by the 18th or 19th of November. He stated that he would contact the writer directly at Ironwood, Mich. through the home of SA [redacted] the resident Agent at Ironwood, Mich., out of whose home all telephone calls would be received. SA Peters stated that the Chicago Division [redacted] [redacted] to begin her trip to Ironwood, Mich.

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As a matter of background information, SA Peters stated that it was his belief that [redacted] and another inmate at the Holiday Inn by the name of [redacted] both had a pimp by the name of [redacted] who operates out of Danville, Ill., and that one of the purposes of [redacted] trip would be to develop information on that matter.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE 31-1776 URGENT

WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WISC. RE TELEPHONE COVERSATION BETWEEN SA WALTER E. PETERS, CG, AND SA [REDACTED] AT IRONWOOD, MICH., TWELVE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE. THIS CONFIRMS THAT [REDACTED] PCI CG WILL ARRIVE IRONWOOD VIA NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES SEVEN FIFTYFIVE PM THIS DATE.

DESCRIPTION, BACKGROUND, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSIGNMENT DISCUSSED WITH SA [REDACTED] IN INSTANT PHONE CONVERSATION. LETTER RE DATAILS FOLLOWS BANISTER

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TO : SAC (31-1910) ✓

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WSTA, HURLEY, WIS.

DATE: 11/22/54

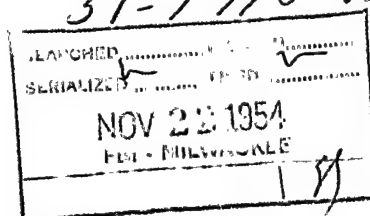
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At 7 p.m. 11/21/54 SA [REDACTED] called from Ironwood, Mich. and advised the houses of prostitution at Hurley had been surveyed and that it appeared there was at least 1 case which might be prosecuted on a debauchery angle. He stated he had been in touch with USA GEORGE E. RAPP, Madison, Wis., who had agreed to prosecute such case if justified. He stated further that all pimps had apparently been avoiding Hurley, either having been scared off by previous activity or for some unknown reason. He wanted to make a move tomorrow, 11/22/54, in the form of dividing SAs at Hurley into teams of two and interviewing prostitutes known to be active. In addition he wanted to photograph and fingerprint these people. I advised him that I felt this exceeded the bounds of investigation which we should conduct. He said it had been done before.

I suggested he prepare teletype to Bureau, which he did, which was sent from MI Office 8:10 p.m. 11/21/54 indicating generally intentions involved and that UACB interviews would be conducted.

SA [REDACTED] said he needed a couple additional SAs in event of approval of these plans by Bureau and I had the night clerk call and instruct SA [REDACTED] to proceed to join SA [REDACTED] on the morning of 11/22/54 in order that he might be available.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU AND DETROIT

FBI MILWAUKEE 11-21-54 PM CST RJG  
DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC DETROIT U R G E N T  
WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY , WISCONSIN. REBULET NOVEMBER NINE LAST. WSTA  
SURVEY CONDUCTED AT HURLEY, WISCONSIN NOV. SEVENTEEN THRU NOV. TWENTY-  
ONE BY AGENTS OF MILWAUKEE AND DETROIT DIVISIONS, UTILIZING SURVEILLANCES  
INFORMANT COVERAGE AND KNOWN SOURCES. RESULTS REFLECT APPROXIMATELY  
TEN HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION OPERATING AT HURLEY WHERE INTERSTATE TRANS-  
PORTATION OF PROSTITUTES MAY BE INVOLVED. ACTIVITIES AT RESORT KNOWN  
AS CLUB CARNIVAL INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERTAINERS PREVIOUSLY TRANS-  
PORTED FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ENGAGED IN DEBAUCHERY AND IMMORAL ACTS.  
INFORMANTS ADVISED CLUB CARNIVAL AND HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION WILL BE  
RELEASING ENTERTAINERS AND INMATES BY NOV. TWENTYFOUR NEXT. UACB PRIOR  
TO NINE AM CST TOMORROW, NOV. TWENTYTWO, AGENTS WILL BEGIN INTERROGAT-  
ING AS WELL AS FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING INMATES OF HOUSES OF  
PROSTITUTION IN HURLEY AREA AT THAT TIME.

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Approved:                     

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 8:10 P M

Per RJG

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FBI WASH D C 11-22-54 215 AM JCD

SAC-S MILWAUKEE AND DETROIT DEFERRED / PERSONAL ATTENTION/  
WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. RE MI TEL NOVEMBER TWENTY-ONE. YOU  
SHOULD NOT CONDUCT WHOLESALE AND INDISCRIMINATE INTERROGATIONS,  
FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING SO AS TO GIVE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND  
PRESS THE IMPRESSION THAT FBI IS QUOTE CLEANING UP UNQUOTE OR QUOTE  
CRACKING DOWN UNQUOTE ON PROSTITUTION IN HURLEY, WISCONSIN. YOU  
SHOULD PROCEED IN INDIVIDUAL CASES AND WHERE THERE IS A BASIS FOR A  
VIOLATION OF WSTA YOU SHOULD CONDUCT THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION  
TOGETHER WITH INTERVIEWS, FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING TO BRING  
THE CASES TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION. YOUR INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE  
DIRECTED TOWARD PERSONS INVOLVED IN A WSTA VIOLATION AND YOUR  
INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES GOVERNED SOLELY ON A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR  
A VIOLATION. PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION. SUTEL BY RETURN WIRE  
IDENTITY OF CASES DEVELOPED TO DATE, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF SUBJECTS  
AND VICTIMS INVOLVED AND BRIEF FACTS OF EACH CASE AND BUFILES ON ANY  
PREVIOUS CASES, IF KNOWN. INCLUDE IN URTEL UR RECOMMENDATIONS AS  
TO PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN RETEL. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI MILWAUKEE 11/23/54 P.M. MG

DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS. REBUTEL NOV. TWENTYTWO. SURVEY  
TO DATE HAS DEVELOPED INFO OF SUFFICIENT SUBSTANCE TO WARRANT  
OPENING TWELVE CASES FOR INVESTIGATION. THE NUMBER OF  
SUBJECTS AND VICTIMS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY IDENTIFIED  
AS YET. AT PRESENT TIME THREE CASES PRESENT GOOD  
POSSIBILITIES. CASE ONE, PAUL RUSSELL, VICTIM JUDY, RUSSELL  
REPORTEDLY TRANSPORTS VICTIM DAILY FROM IRONWOOD, MICH.,  
WHERE THEY RESIDE, TO HURLEY, WIS. WHERE SHE PROSTITUTES  
SELF AT MARGARETS BAR, BACKGROUND DATA NOT AVAILABLE AT  
PRESENT. CASE TWO, RICHARD MATTRELLA, AKA DICK, JOHN GASPARRI,  
AKA JACK, VICTIMS - IRENE LA MOORE, JASMINE KNIGHT, CARMELITA  
MARTELL, JEANIE WISE, GAY DAY, PENNY LA VALLE. SUBJECTS  
OPERATE CLUB CARNIVAL RESORT. VICTIMS ARE STRIP TEASE  
DANCERS REPORTEDLY BOOKED THRU AGENCY CHICAGO, ILL. TO WORK  
AS STRIP TEASERS. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS GIRLS WHILE  
OFF STAGE CIRCULATE AMONG CUSTOMERS SOLICITING FOR  
PROSTITUTION AND PERFORMING OBSCENE ACTS WHILE SOLICITING  
FOR DRINKS. USA GEO. E. RAPP, ED WIS., MADISON, WIS. HAS  
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Special Agent in Charge

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WSTA, UNQUOTE, MI ORIGIN. INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED BY  
REPORT SA  JUNE FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, MI.  
GASPARRY ALSO MENTIONED THIS INVESTIGATION. NO OTHER  
INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED <sup>AT</sup> THIS TIME AND ANY IN FUTURE MUST BE  
AUTHORIZED BY SAC OR ASAC PRIOR TO BEING CONDUCTED.  
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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ADVISED WILL CONSIDER PRESENTING SUCH CASES TO GRAND JURY. VICTIMS INTERVIEWED EVENING NOV. TWENTYTWO BY BUREAU AGENTS AT WHICH TIME THEY WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED. THEY WOULD NOT ADMIT ENGAGING IN PROSTITUTION. MATRELLA APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT REPORT SA [REDACTED] DATED JUNE NINE, FORTYEIGHT, MI, IN WSTA CASE ENTITLED, QUOTE, ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE, JR., RICHARD MATRELLA, TUZZI MATRELLA, WA, MARGUERITE COLE, VICTIMS, UNQUOTE. GASPARRY APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT IN REPORT SA [REDACTED] DATED MAY TWENTYSIX, FORTYTHREE, ST. PAUL, ENTITLED, QUOTE, ROCCO ANTHONY LEGATO, WAS, JACK GASBARRI, WAS, FUG., MAYFERD LEGO, WAS, VICTIM, WSTA, UNQUOTE, ST. PAUL ORIGIN. CASE THREE, JOHN KALASARDO, SONYA WA PEGGY, VICTIM. KALASARDO OPERATES BAND BOX NITE CLUB, HURLEY, VICTIM IS STRIP TEASE DANCER BOOKED THRU CHICAGO AGENCY, HAS BEEN OBSERVED SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION. VICTIM [REDACTED] WILL BE INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT P.M. TONITE IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH SHE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED. KALASARDO APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH JOHN ROCCO KALASARDO, SUBJECT IN CASE ENTITLED, QUOTE, JOHN ROCCO KALASARDO, WAS, ARLENE BRUMACOMBE, WAS, MARIE ELIZABETH BENNER, WAS, BETTY MARTIN HEWITT, WAS, EDNA JEAN GUYON, WAS, JULIE REYES, WA, VICTIMS,

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

SAC,MILWAUKEE

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. REMYLET  
NOVEMBER 19 LAST. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THAT ONLY PHONE  
CURTIS HOTEL, 4151 S. HALSTED, IS PUBLIC COIN PHONE AND THAT NO  
TOLL CALLS HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO THIS PHONE DURING PAST SIXTY  
DAYS. SAME SOURCE ADVISED CURTIS HOTEL HAS BEEN LEASED BY  
ELIZABETH E. ALSENZ SINCE 1948 FROM A. H. JOYNER, JOPLIN, MO. AND  
THAT SHE MAINTAINED A CHECKING ACCOUNT IN 1948 AT LIVE STOCK  
NATIONAL BANK. [REDACTED] TERMINAL MANAGER, NORTH CENTRAL  
AIRLINES, ADVISED FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TRAVELED TO IRONWOOD,  
MICHIGAN, ON FLIGHT 579 ON DATES INDICATED: NOVEMBER 18, ED  
NELSON, 1010 W. 2 ST., ASHLAND, WISC., DESTINED ASHLAND, WISC.;  
L. B. APITZ, 5835 S. SUNSET, LA GRANGE, ILL.; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CG; NOV. 19, A. T. CLAWSON, 2317 E. GENESE ST.,  
SYRACUSE, N.Y., EMPLOYED BY G.E.; NOVEMBER 21, RAY PETERSON,  
133 MICHIGAN, IRONWOOD, REPRESENTING COHODAS CO. AND KNOWN TO  
SUNDBERG AS LEGITIMATE BUSINESS MAN. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS USED  
FLIGHT 573 ON NOVEMBER 22: WALTER HILLMAN, 20 CRANE ROAD,  
MOUNTAIN LAKE, N.J., REPRESENTING SINTERING MACHINE CORP; MISS  
MARGARET SCOTT, 409 E. 21 ST., OAKLAND, CALIF. FURTHER INQUIRY  
BEING MADE .

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Approved: WJB  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, MILWAUKEE 31-1111 URGENT

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RETURNED CG NINE O-CLOCK PM NOVEMBER TWENTY THIRD LAST.

UPON CONTACT BY BUREAU AGENTS CG, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN PARTICULAR SHE STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED],

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE BY MILWAUKEE AGENTS THAT [REDACTED] MIGHT VISIT

[REDACTED] BUT NO DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING SUCH ASSIGNMENT  
MADE. CG DESIRES TO KNOW WHETHER MILWAUKEE RECOMMENDS SUCH A VISIT  
AND IF SO WHAT SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] SHOULD OBTAIN. MIL-  
WAUKEE REQUESTED TO SUTEL ABOVE SINCE [REDACTED] PLANS TO RETURN TO  
HER JOB NOVEMBER TWENTY SIXTH NEXT, BUT WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL WEEK TO  
ASSIST BUREAU IF DESIRED.

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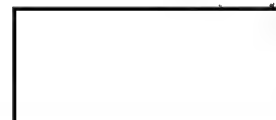
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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS. REURTEL, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR  
LAST. [REDACTED] PRIOR DEPARTURE, HURLEY, WIS., ADVISED SHE CON-  
TEMPLATED GOING [REDACTED] PRIOR TO RETURN  
TO CHICAGO, ADVISED SHE WOULD CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED SHE WOULD OBTAIN INFORMATION  
FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
DANVILLE, ILL. [REDACTED] ALSO REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON WHERE-  
~~APPROPRIATELY~~

[REDACTED]  
IF AGREEABLE WITH CHICAGO OFFICE IT IS SUGGESTED [REDACTED] CONTACT [REDACTED]  
FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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Approved: [Signature]  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS. IN VIEW OF LESSENING OF  
ACTIVITY AND NO ADDITIONAL IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION WARRANTED  
SURVEY DISCONTINUED AS OF THIS DATE. COMPLETE SUMMARY WILL  
BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPILATION.

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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re telephone call from SAC POSTER, Milwaukee to SA ROBERT J. WILSON, 11/12/54; telephone call from SA [redacted] Milwaukee to ASAC [redacted] Chicago, 11/16/54; Chicago teletype to Milwaukee dated 11/18/54.

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In connection with the instant survey, Chicago PCI [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted]) agreed to travel to Hurley, Wisconsin for [redacted]

[redacted] travelled by North Central Airlines from Chicago to Ironwood, Michigan, on [redacted] where she was to be met by agents of the Milwaukee Office [redacted] in Hurley, Wisconsin. In accordance with Section 108J, M of I, [redacted]

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[redacted] ticket on the North Central Airlines from Chicago to Ironwood, Michigan, and return. The remaining [redacted]

For the information of the Milwaukee Division, [redacted] was born in [redacted] Wisconsin, [redacted] Illinois, having [redacted] and presently resides at [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] Upon leaving high school, [redacted]

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About [redacted] in Chicago, [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] Indiana. [redacted] Illinois.

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[Redacted]

While the direction of [Redacted] is left to the discretion of the Milwaukee Division, [Redacted] has stated that in order to get information for the Bureau, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

The following complete description is set forth of [Redacted] and it is to be noted that the aliases [Redacted] are the aliases most frequently used by [Redacted]

Name

Aliases

Born

Race

Marital Status

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Address

Telephone

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

As to a criminal record, a FD-9 has been submitted to the Bureau and as yet a return of this form has not been received by the Chicago Division; however, it is pointed out there is no record of arrest for [Redacted] at the Chicago Police Department, and [Redacted]

[Redacted]



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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE

DATE: November 19, 1954

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (31-4989)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY, ✓  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re telephone calls from SAC POSTER, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 12, 1954, and SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 16, 1954.

Pursuant to request of SAC POSTER, a review of the General Intelligence Files pertaining to White Slave Traffic Act activities in the Chicago Division was conducted. No information of any pertinence was developed which was not already in the possession of the Milwaukee Division. The only allegations of organized activity concerned BETTY ROWE, Manager of the Curtin Hotel, 4151 South Halsted Street. The files, however, reflect that while it has been established that ROWE has been a prostitute in Hurley, Wisconsin, and that girls in her hotel have worked in that city, no evidence of an organized ring is apparent.

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In Milwaukee letter of January 7, 1954, captioned "CURTIN HOTEL, WSTA", Milwaukee file [REDACTED] an informant advised that the Curtin Hotel was being utilized by Brothel Operators in Wisconsin as a source for girls. Various files, including that entitled "BETTY ROWE; ATTILO EGIZI, was.; TINA KELLY - VICTIM", Milwaukee file 31-1840, reflect that telephone calls had been made to BETTY ROWE for the purpose of obtaining prostitutes for employment in Hurley, Wisconsin.

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In the case entitled "JOSEPH VI CARO; ROBERT PHILIP LAWRENCE; ETAL, WSTA", Cleveland origin, BETTY ROWE was questioned concerning telephonic contacts she had with a prostitute JOYCE NICHOL REDMON, who at that time was operating a house of prostitution for subject VI CARO in Lima, Ohio. ROWE denied knowing the victim, however, one HAROLD TRACEY, a tenant at the Curtin Hotel, advised that REDMON had stayed at the hotel and was very friendly with a girl named MARG, who married an individual of Italian extraction and moved to Hurley,

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Wisconsin. The identity of this girl has never been established nor is it known whether JOYCE REDMON has ever been employed in Hurley, Wisconsin.

Other references to BETTY ROWE include a Miami letter to Springfield, copies of which were designated for Milwaukee, dated September 22, 1954, entitled [redacted] Confidential Informant." The above informant [redacted]

[redacted] The name BETTY ROWE, 415 South Halsted, Chicago, appeared therein.

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BETTY ROWE has been contacted by agents of this office on numerous occasions and has not been co-operative. More recently she admitted to SA'S JOHN J. MATTHEWS and WALTER E. PETERS that she was employed several years ago as a prostitute in Hurley, Wisconsin, but declined to furnish further information.

With regard to telephone coverage of the Curtin Hotel, arrangements have been perfected with confidential sources to obtain information concerning telephone calls made from that hotel. Milwaukee will be advised upon receipt thereof.

With regard to the case entitled "JOSEPH CHUDADA; SANDY - VICTIM, WSTA", investigation conducted by SA JOSEPH L. SYLVESTER is presently being reported. Informants advise that there is no indication that CHUDADA contemplates going to Milwaukee in the near future. The latest information furnished by the informants was that the victim had returned to her home in Kentucky and that he planned going to that state to induce her to return to him.

With regard to stops placed with the North Central Airlines to date no reservations had been made for passage on that line from Chicago to Ironwood, Michigan, except for PCI [redacted] Continued coverage is being maintained.

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With regard to JOSEPH DOUGLAS HOWELL, wa. Buddy Howell, informants have been unable to establish his presence

SAC, MILWAUKEE

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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

in Chicago at this time. One PAT FONTECCHIO is presently managing the Cloister Bar in the Hotel Maryland at 900 North Rush Street, according to LEE LEVERING, Manager of the Maryland. Mr. LEVERING advised, however, that HOWELL is not familiar to him and he doubts that HOWELL is employed in that bar.

With regard to PAT FONTECCHIO, information concerning him is set out in the case entitled "RICHARD JOSEPH HAAS, wa., ETAL, WSTA", Milwaukee origin, Milwaukee file 31-1496. A review of this file reflects that FONTECCHIO is a native of Hurley, Wisconsin.

The same file reflects that HOWELL was carried at one time as a subject and that JOHN RAYKOVICH advised agents of the Chicago office that he, RAYKOVICH, had owned the French Casino at Hurley, Wisconsin, and that he had sold the Casino to BUDDY HOWELL.

PCI'S [redacted] who [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Hotel Maryland and are [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
is unknown to them. Both PCI'S are [redacted]  
[redacted] and will advise this  
office accordingly.

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Remylet dated August 20, 1954, entitled "RALPH CAPONE, WSTA", wherein it is noted that THOMAS SMITH, Bureau of Internal Revenue, advised SA JOHN J. MATTHEWS that RALPH CAPONE of Mercer, Wisconsin, operated and supervised the interest of the so-called Chicago "syndicate" in Wisconsin. Mr. SMITH advised at that time that members of the old Capone gang reportedly owned the Maryland Hotel and that JOE HOWELL was the manager.

On November 17, 1954, Mr. SMITH advised that the information previously furnished by him had been obtained from County Attorney SULLIVAN of Hurley, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1954 and that his office had not had the opportunity to run down additional corroborating information.

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RE: WSTA SURVEY,  
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He stated that HOWELL was unknown to him and that additional information might be obtained from Mr. SULLIVAN of Hurley.

Various files concerning subjects VODTE THOMAS RHINEHART, GILBERT HEATH BALLEW, and others were reviewed for information concerning transportation of prostitutes between Chicago and Wisconsin. It was noted that Milwaukee was office of origin in most of the above cases and that information in all of them was in the possession of that office.

On November 17, 1954, PCI [ ] advised SA'S JOHN J. MATTHEWS and [ ] that she is familiar with prostitutional activities [ ]

[ ] To her knowledge no efforts are being made in that area to recruit prostitutes for Hurley, Wisconsin, or other cities in that state. On November 17 and 18, 1954, PCI [ ] furnished similar information. Both PCI'S advised they would make discreet inquiries to obtain information of that nature and will advise this office accordingly.

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On November 16, 1954, PCI [ ] advised SA [ ] that she is well acquainted with prostitutional activities in the Chicago area and has heard nothing to indicate that prostitutes are being recruited for work in Wisconsin.

On November 19, 1954, HELEN MEYERS, Prostitute, Bel-Air Hotel, 400 West Diversey, advised that she for several weeks was recently employed as a prostitute at the Cedarburg Club near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that she has been operating as a prostitute in Chicago for sometime. During this period she has never heard of efforts on the part of anyone to bring prostitutes to Hurley or other cities in Wisconsin.

Information obtained from PCI [ ] concerning activities in Hurley, Wisconsin, have been made the subject of a separate communication, a copy of which has been designated for the Milwaukee office.

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RE: WSTA SURVEY,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Information obtained as a result of coverage of the North Central Airlines, the telephone coverage at the Curtin Hotel and informant coverage among prostitutes in the Chicago area will be furnished to the Milwaukee Division as it is developed.

DIRECTOR, FBI

November 27, 1954

SAC, CHICAGO (31-4989)

WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau dated November 19, 1954 and Milwaukee Teletype to Chicago dated November 25, 1954.

In connection with the instant survey Chicago PCI [redacted] (Chicago file [redacted]) has agreed to travel to [redacted], a prostitute who has just recently left Hurley, Wisconsin and who [redacted] and who is presently [redacted] Peoria, Illinois.

In accordance with Section 108J. M of I. [redacted]

It is contemplated that through the above mentioned contact [redacted] will obtain general information concerning the prostitutional activities at Hurley, Wisconsin and in particular obtain information concerning [redacted]

It is contemplated that [redacted] will return to Chicago on approximately December 1 at which time the Chicago Division will obtain information concerning her [redacted]

This information will be furnished to both the Milwaukee and Danville Divisions. It is not deemed necessary that Springfield assign an Agent to contact [redacted]

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RE: WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

The Milwaukee Office is requested to furnish to Chicago the results of [redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin and also an evaluation of her performance while at Hurley, Wisconsin.

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For the information of the Springfield Division

[redacted] was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin [redacted] Illinois having previously resided at [redacted] and presently resides at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] Chicago, but [redacted] Upon leaving high school [redacted]

[redacted] in Chicago and [redacted] Illinois and [redacted] Indiana. [redacted] Illinois, and [redacted] Indiana where [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] is set forth:

Name:

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[Redacted area for physical description]

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Eyes:  
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Telephone:  
Employment:

Social Security No.

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As to a criminal record, a FD-9 has been submitted to the Bureau and as yet a return of this form has not been received by the Chicago Division; however, it is pointed out there is no record of arrest for [redacted] at the Chicago Police Department, and [redacted]



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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Commissioner  
Motor Vehicle Commission  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida


Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of the individual having the following automobile registration:

229545

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Director  
Department of Law & Public Safety  
Division of Motor Vehicles  
State of New Jersey  
Trenton, New Jersey


Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of the individual having the following automobile registration:

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Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Registrar  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
State of Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of individuals having the following automobile registrations:

2912 Z  
8598 Y  
X644 F

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Director  
Motor Vehicle Department  
State of Illinois  
Springfield, Illinois


Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of individuals having the following automobile registrations:

2601873, black Cadillac  
101047, 1954 Oldsmobile  
1219707, Chrysler  
2489746, Cadillac  
1185076, Cadillac  
1406945, Cadillac  
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1174886  
1362919  
1253130

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
State of Indiana  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of individuals having the following automobile registrations:

GG 8215  
CN 4452

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

Director  
Motor Vehicle Department  
State of Michigan  
Lansing, Michigan


Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of individuals having the following automobile registrations:

MA 4426, 1953 Cadillac  
AB 1655, 1949 Cadillac  
WJ 6107, Cadillac

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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DIRECTOR, FBI

WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. REURAIR-TEL DEC. 1, 1954.

RESULTS OF WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS., CONDUCTED BETWEEN PERIOD  
OF NOV. 17, 1954 AND NOV. 24, 1954 IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION  
AT THIS TIME.

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AIR MAIL

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: December 1, 1954

FROM : SAS RICHARD C. THOMPSON AND b6  
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SUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY HURLEY, WISCONSIN

During the recent survey of WSTA conditions in Hurley, Wisconsin, it became necessary for agents to spend money for the sole purpose of gathering information and possible evidence. Since these expenditures exceed the usual per diem and in no way contributed toward subsistence of the agents, it is respectfully suggested that consideration be given to at least partial reimbursement for this cash outlay.

The following reasons for the aforementioned expenditures are set forth for your information and as a basis for reimbursement.

- 1) Bureau letter dated November 9, 1954 requested that the survey be instituted.
- 2) Plans were made with your approval for covering the entrance into Hurley of pimps and prostitutes by train, plane, and bus; also for covering possible daily trips of pimps and prostitutes who might commute between Hurley and Ironwood, Michigan and for checking phone calls, contacting CI's, etc. It was also planned that agents would observe activities and practices current in Hurley in order to develop information needed in WSTA cases and to obtain actual evidence where possible.
- 3) The actual surveillance of notorious places of amusement could only be accomplished by "undercover" methods; and agents visited and observed activities in the four so called night clubs for four successive nights, November 17, through November 20, 1954. That this operation was tactically successful is evidenced by the fact that none of the agents was "made" as an officer, and one, in fact, was propositioned as a "trick" by an entertainer. Evidence of debauchery was obtained by observation by all agents involved. This, at the time, appeared to be the logical investigative procedure, since USA RAPP had previously stated he would entertain serious thoughts

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of prosecution of night club owners under the WSTA Statute, provided it could be established that the entertainers engaged in debauchery. (See case entitled "DICK MATTELLA; JOHN GASBARRI; EMELOPE GORTAIN, was. WTA - VICTIMS, WSTA", which sets forth NALP's opinion and other facts.)

- 4) After the night of November 20, 1954 the investigating agents believed their "undercover" purpose had been served insofar as the night clubs were concerned, and attention was directed toward viewing activities at the sixteen places which operate as combination taverns and houses of prostitution. This was for the purpose of identifying any pimps, surveilling them to their cars or residences, obtaining license numbers and otherwise identifying both pimps and prostitutes. This also required the spending of money in an "undercover" capacity at the bars behind which the houses of prostitution operate.
- 5) Although the eight agents working "undercover" spent considerably more, it is felt that reimbursement in the amount of \$25 each would defray these unusual expenses to the point where they can be borne without hardship. The eight agents who necessarily spent money in the manner described above were: [redacted]  
JOSEPH G. PEGGS, [redacted] RICHARD C. THOMPSON, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. RE CG LETTER TO BU DATED NOV.  
27, 1954. [ ] PCI, [ ]

[ ] ON TRIP PCI WAS [ ]

[ ] SUMMARY OF [ ]

[ ] BY PCI WILL BE FURNISHED MIL. AND OTHER INTER-  
ESTED OFFICES BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. RE PCI'S TRIP TO HURLEY,  
WISC. PCI RETURNED TO CG WITH [ ] WHO HAD  
BEEN WORKING AT HURLEY, WISC. [ ] IDENTIFIED AS [ ]  
[ ] CG. ILL. AND NAMED [ ] AS [ ]

[ ] PLANS TO RETURN TO HURLEY, WISC. AS SOON AS THINGS COOL  
DOWN, AND WILL CALL PCI WHEN SHE PLANS TO LEAVE. 31-1910-38 MIL. IS REQUESTED  
TO EXPEDITE SUMMARY OF PCI'S PERFORMANCE AT HURLEY, WISC. AND [ ]

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge

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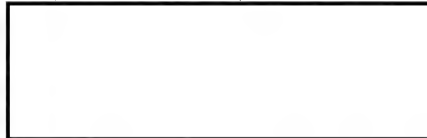
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HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Milwaukee, cc Detroit, dated November 9, 1954.

This is to advise that on November 16, 1954, the following named Special Agents of the Detroit Office reported to the Milwaukee Office for assignment to this survey:

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The above named Agents, in company with the Milwaukee Agents assigned this matter, proceeded to Hurley, Wisconsin - Ironwood, Michigan, on November 17, 1954, and participated in instant survey until November 23, 1954. The survey was in charge of SA [redacted] of the Milwaukee Office. In addition to the above-named Detroit Agents, assistance in this survey was given by SA [redacted] of the Detroit Office who is assigned to the Ironwood, Michigan Resident Agency.

Inasmuch as this survey was in charge of the Milwaukee Office and that office has possession of all information compiled in this matter, the Detroit Office does not plan to submit a report or summary of the investigation undertaken and the results obtained. SA [redacted] above-mentioned, has advised the participating Detroit Agents that such a summary will be prepared for the Bureau by the Milwaukee Office, with copies to Detroit, in the near future.

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U. C. FELTY  
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

STATE OF OHIO  
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
R. E. FOLEY, REGISTRAR  
COLUMBUS 16

Your File-31-1910

December 3rd, 1954

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
735 Federal Bldg.  
Milkwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Attention: James B. Poster-Special Agent in Charge

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 30th, this will advise our records show 1954 license plate registrations were issued as indicated:

2912 Z - Victor Farm Supply, Lyons, Ohio for a 1951 Olds - mobile sedan, motor 8C208370, serial 519M33300.

8598 Y - Stark Building & Supply Co. Rt#4, Bryan, Ohio for 1953 Lincoln Sport coupe, motor 53 WA 9971 H.

X 644 F - Roger M. & Cecil J. Ward, Belpre, Ohio for 1952 Cheverolet coach, motor KAD370368, serial 21KKE37975.

Yours very truly,

*F. P. Ahern*

F.P. Ahern  
Supervisor of Records

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 31-1910

Commissioner  
Motor Vehicle Commission  
State of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of the individual having the following automobile registration:

229545

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*James B. Poster*  
JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

December 3, 1954

Please recheck the above License number. All Florida plates carry a prefix indicating county from which purchased, such as 2-29545 or 22-9545.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: December 6, 1954

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

SUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY  
Hurley, Wisconsin

At 6:30 pm on November 23, 1954 the writer observed a green Oldsmobile on Silver Street in Hurley, Wisconsin, bearing Minnesota license 89302. It is not known whether this car has significance to the case but it is suggested that the registered owner be determined.

In addition, the writer observed the following cars of possible significance in Hurley, Wisconsin on November 23, 1954:

Powder blue Cadillac bearing Illinois license 999912

Red Buick hard-top, two tone, Minnesota license 232117

Blue Chevrolet, 1955 Minnesota license CG 1457

Light colored Pontiac, Illinois license 2656132

In addition, it should be noted that on November 22, 1954 JOHN RAICKOWICZ (ph), one of the big operators in Hurley, advised the writer that BUDDY HOWELL, a pimp, arrived in Hurley during the previous night.

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TO : SAC (31-1910)

DATE: 11/22/54

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: WSTA, HURLEY, WIS.

[redacted] has advised following subjects have prostitutes working in various houses in Hurley, Wis. as of this date:

[redacted] Victim [redacted] who is [redacted] She came here [redacted] from Chicago, Ill. and informant states placement for her was obtained by subject [redacted] Curtin Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted] Victim [redacted] was [redacted] This girl is out of [redacted] and has been working in and out of Hurley since [redacted] She now works at Holiday. She last came here [redacted] Another victim in Chicago case is [redacted] She has been in and out of Hurley working for subject for the past 4 or 5 years. Her present whereabouts unknown.

[redacted] Victim [redacted] wa [redacted] now works Holiday for subject. Has been in and out of Hurley since [redacted]

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[redacted] Victim comes to Hurley from [redacted] [redacted] Victim [redacted] Victim has been working at Holiday for subject. She came here [redacted] from [redacted] Informant advises [redacted]

[redacted] Victim [redacted] unknown victims. Subject [redacted] Riverside house of prostitution. He brought victim [redacted] to Hurley from [redacted] He now has 2 unknown victims working for him whom he brought from outside state of Wis. just recently.

[redacted] Victim [redacted] brought victim to Hurley from Gary, Ind. [redacted] and had her working [redacted] Subject [redacted] victim under investigation MI file 31-1849.

Unsub, [redacted] ----- Informant advised 11/17/54 unknown individual whose identity informant believes he can obtain brought [redacted] to Hurley from Chicago, Ill. and placed here in J & J. [redacted] has now returned Chicago.

[redacted] Victim [redacted] Subject caused victim to be transported from Gary, Ind. to Hurley, Wis. approximately 3 weeks ago and presently has her working French Casino. [redacted] was in town with victim but departed recently for Gary, Ind.

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[redacted] Victim [redacted] Subject caused these 2 girls to be transported from Chicago, Ill. to Hurley, Wis. [redacted] and he presently has [redacted] working at Hi Hat and [redacted] at Club Francis, both houses of prostitution.

[redacted] Victim [redacted] Victim came to Hurley from [redacted] Subject resides Ironwood, Mich. and victim, according to informant, [redacted] and he daily transports her from Ironwood, Mich. to Hurley, Wis. where he has her working at Margaret's Bar at Hurley.

[redacted] Victims [redacted] Subjects in this case [redacted] Club Carnival. Victims are strip tease dancers and were booked out of booking agency in Chicago by subjects to come to Hurley to work as strip teasers. Investigation reflects these girls have while off stage circulated among customers soliciting for prostitution and performing obscene acts while soliciting for drinks. USA GEO. E. RAPP, Madison, Wis., has indicated this forms basis for debauchery under WSTA statute and has indicated he would present this matter to federal grand jury.

[redacted] Victim [redacted] runs Band Box night club, Hurley. Victim is strip tease dancer and was booked by subject thru agency in Chicago, to come to Hurley to work as strip teaser. Victim was observed circulating among customers at Band Box and on 1 occasion solicited customer for prostitution. USA GEO. RAPP has indicated this case would also fall under debauchery section of WSTA statute.

It is plan of SAs working on survey to immediately proceed interviewing victims in above mentioned cases. It is intention to break the surveying squad into 2 men teams and to have SAs contact designated houses where victims work and interview, fingerprint and photograph victims in accordance with Subel 11/22/54. It is noted there are approximately 15 houses of prostitution in Hurley but the survey to date has indicated that interstate transportation of prostitutes involves only forementioned houses and victims. It is intention also of surveying SAs to interview entertainers working at Club Carnival and Band Box after inmates of houses of prostitution have been interviewed.

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TO:  Director, FBI

DATE: December 7, 1954

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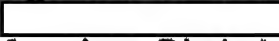

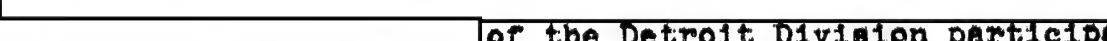
SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 9, 1954, requesting a White Slave Traffic Act survey be made at Hurley, Wisconsin based on information previously submitted in the General Investigative Intelligence reports of the Detroit and Milwaukee Offices.


For the information of the Bureau, information had previously been received from  of known reliability, who is a  Wisconsin, prior to the receipt of referenced Bureau letter, indicating that it has been the practice in the past number of years for pimps from the states of Illinois and Indiana to transport their prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin during the hunting season in Wisconsin, which runs from November 20 through 27 each year. These pimps are reported to place their prostitutes in houses of prostitution in Hurley and have them work through the hunting season, after which it was their practice to return the prostitutes to their homes in Illinois and Indiana.

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The Milwaukee Division, prior to receipt of referenced Bureau letter, was considering the possibility of conducting an investigation in Hurley, Wisconsin to obtain information on possible White Slave Traffic Act activities during the Wisconsin hunting season from November 20 through 27, 1954.

A White Slave Traffic Act survey was conducted in the Hurley, Wisconsin area from November 17, 1954 through November 24, 1954. SA's  RICHARD C. THOMPSON,  JOSEPH G. PEGGS and  of the Milwaukee Division, and SA's 

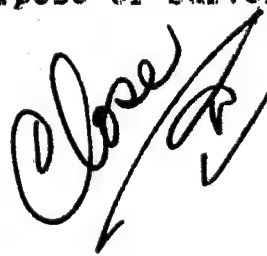
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 of the Detroit Division participated in this survey. These agents for the most part worked in an undercover capacity for the purpose of surveilling a number of

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houses of prostitution and night clubs in the Hurley, Wisconsin area to observe and identify pimps and prostitutes present in the Hurley, Wisconsin area during the pertinent period and to obtain information concerning the interstate transportation of prostitutes by pimps for the purpose of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin.

The agents participating in this survey in furtherance of their undercover activities resided in a hunting shack located in the vicinity of Ashland, Wisconsin approximately thirty-five miles from Hurley, Wisconsin. The agents were unable to form a base of operation in the vicinity of Hurley, Wisconsin inasmuch as it has been previously reported in previous General Investigative Intelligence reports of the Milwaukee Division that law enforcement officials in Hurley, Wisconsin are not to be considered trustworthy. It was the intention, however, to utilize the services of Chief of Police JOHN SULLIVAN (NA) at Ironwood, Michigan, which city is just adjacent to Hurley, Wisconsin. However, immediately after the arrival of agents who were to participate in this survey, Chief SULLIVAN's wife died suddenly and, therefore, the services of Chief SULLIVAN were not available.

Daily coverage was maintained on trains, planes and buses arriving at and leaving from the Ironwood, Michigan-Hurley, Wisconsin area. There are two trains of the Chicago and North Western Railroad arriving and departing from the Ironwood, Michigan-Hurley, Wisconsin area on a daily basis. There are two flights of the North Central Airlines to and from Chicago, Illinois, arriving at Ironwood, Michigan daily, and there are two grayhound buses arriving and departing from Ironwood, Michigan each day.

Telephones listed in all known houses of prostitution and night clubs in the Hurley, Wisconsin area are pay phones. A list of these telephones was obtained. Through the services of the

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Out-of-state license numbers were obtained from automobiles observed by surveilling agents to be parked in the vicinity of houses of prostitution and night clubs at Hurley, Wisconsin. A request has been made of other divisions to identify the holders of these license plates and to obtain background information concerning them. Pertinent information developed as a result of checks on out-of-state toll calls and license plates will be subsequently investigated on an individual basis.

During the period of the survey at Hurley, Wisconsin the following informant coverage was maintained. [REDACTED] of known reliability, whose identity is known to the Bureau, was contacted on a daily basis by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to be notified of the arrival of new pimps and prostitutes in the Hurley, Wisconsin area.

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[REDACTED] FBI of the Chicago Division, voluntarily came to Hurley, Wisconsin from Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This informant was also contacted by SA's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on a daily basis.

The White Slave Traffic Act survey conducted at Hurley, Wisconsin from November 17, 1954 through November 24, 1954 reflected the following information.

The following houses of prostitution are operating at Hurley, Wisconsin at the present time:

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NAME	REAL OWNER	NO. OF PROSTITUTES GENERALLY EMPLOYED
Blackhawk	RICHARD MATTEIELLA and JOHN "JACKPOT" GASBARRI	1
Flame	RICHARD MATTEIELLA and JOHN "JACKPOT" GASBARRI	3
Riverside	JOHN KALASARDO and JAMES SAURO	3
Ritz	AGOSTINO DI GEORGIO	1
Hi-Ho Club	JOE VITA	2
Smokey's	ANDREW RODEGHIERO	1
French Casino	JOHN KATEOVICH	1
Holiday Inn	LOIS GASBARRI	2
Try-Angle Inn	JAMES CYLON SHIELDS	2
Gold Nugget	NORA ABRAHAM	1
Shorty & Mary's	JOHN SOPHA	1
Orchid Bar	"MA" SHOULDER	1
Margaret's Bar	MARGARET FRICKETT	1
Red Feather	LOUIS GASBARRI	(Local prostitutes)
Club Francis	JAMES FRANCIS and BELLA PAPPAS	1
J and J	JOHN GABLI and JAMES THATCHER	1
Hi Hat	JOSEPH "BOBLY" HOWELL and STEVE "DEACON" TROCHIM	3

previously mentioned in this letter, was interviewed concerning the individuals working as prostitutes in all of the

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mentioned houses of prostitution. This informant, [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] This informant was questioned specifically relative to every one of the aforementioned houses of prostitution in Hurley, and he supplied the following information [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] Information furnished by this informant which is being set out below appears to form the basis upon which to institute White Slave Traffic Act investigations and new cases are being opened based on the following information supplied by this informant:

[redacted] - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Informant advised that [redacted] former inmate of houses of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin, is presently operating as the [redacted] of the Corbin Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that [redacted]

[redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin [redacted]  
[redacted] in Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that [redacted] caused Victim [redacted] to be sent to Hurley, Wisconsin from Chicago, Illinois by train approximately [redacted] and that Victim [redacted] is presently working at the Try-Angle Inn, [redacted] Informant stated that Victim [redacted] exercises out of a back room in the Try-Angle Inn and does not circulate at the bar with customers. Periodic checks were made by surveilling agents of the Try-Angle Inn and [redacted] was not observed at the Try-Angle Inn.

[redacted] wa.,  
[redacted] VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Informant stated that the Subject and Victim reside at Danville, Illinois, and that the Subject has transported or caused Victim [redacted] to be transported to Hurley, Wisconsin from Danville, Illinois since the fall of 1963 on numerous occasions. Informant

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advised that [ ] transports the Victim by automobile and on other occasions has caused her to be transported by train. Informant stated that Victim [ ] came to Hurley, Wisconsin from Danville in early November, 1954 by train. Until November 18, 1954 she operated at the Holiday Inn, which is [ ]

[ ] Informant stated that Victim [ ] left Hurley, Wisconsin to return to Danville, Illinois on November 18, 1954. Informant stated that [ ] of the Holiday Inn, drove Victim [ ] to some other city, probably Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where Victim [ ] took a train to Danville, Illinois. Informant stated that [ ] had Victim [ ] work out of a rear room of the Holiday Inn and that she did not ever appear at the bar with customers. Surveying agents did not observe Victim [ ] at the Holiday Inn.

[ ]  
[ ] VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

[ ] advised that the Subject and Victim reside in Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that the Subject sent the Victim to Hurley, Wisconsin from Chicago, Illinois by train on or about November 15, 1954, and she began working as a prostitute for him at the Holiday Inn, [ ] Victim [ ]

[ ] left Hurley, Wisconsin on or about November 23, 1954 and returned to Chicago, Illinois. [ ] PCL. previously mentioned, advised that she had heard that [ ] of the Holiday Inn, had driven Victim [ ] to some other city, possibly [ ] Wisconsin, and that Victim [ ] returned to Chicago, Illinois from that city by train. [ ] also stated that on November 20, 1954 Victim [ ] from Ironwood, Michigan to the Subject in Chicago, Illinois.

[ ]  
[ ] wa.,  
[ ] VICTIM;  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS (2)  
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[ ] advised that the Riverside, a house of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin, is [ ] but that approximately one year ago the Subject, [ ] came to Hurley, Wisconsin from St. Paul, Minnesota to operate

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this house. At the time of his arrival, he brought with him Victim [ ] and she has been working for him at that house since that time. Informant also stated that during about the third week of November, 1954 the Subject had caused two other prostitutes to come to the Riverside to work as prostitutes. The informant did not know where these girls had come from, how they had come, nor could he furnish any information as to their identity although he felt that he would be able to obtain this information in the near future. Surveying agents making periodic checks at the Riverside observed Victim [ ] working as a prostitute at the Riverside. These agents also observed another individual, name unknown but whose description was obtained, operating at the Riverside as a prostitute. These were the only two individuals observed by surveying agents at the Riverside who were prostituting themselves.

[ ]  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

- VICTIM

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Subject operates the J and J Tavern, a house of prostitution at Hurley. [ ] stated that Victim [ ] had come to Hurley, Wisconsin during the Christmas season of 1953, where she worked as a prostitute. Informant stated that on November 17, 1954 Victim [ ] was brought to Hurley, Wisconsin from Chicago, Illinois by an unknown individual whose identity was unknown to the informant, but the informant was able to furnish a description of this individual. Victim [ ] began working as a prostitute at the J and J Tavern. Informant stated that [ ] prior to the arrival of Victim [ ] at Hurley, Wisconsin, had contacted the Unknown Subject or [ ] at Chicago, Illinois and had made arrangements for her to come to Hurley, Wisconsin to work as a prostitute. Informant stated that Victim [ ] worked at the J and J house of prostitution for two or three days, at which time she left Hurley, Wisconsin and returned to Chicago, Illinois. The Unknown Subject also left Hurley, Wisconsin at about that same time and informant believes that the Unknown Subject took [ ] away from Hurley, Wisconsin. Surveying agents observed [ ] prostituting herself at the J and J Tavern. Surveying agents also observed an individual believed to be the Unknown Subject, based on descriptive data previously furnished by [ ] and although they were unable to obtain his identity, they did obtain complete descriptive data concerning him.

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[REDACTED] VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

[REDACTED] stated that the Subject and Victim are from Gary, Indiana. Informant stated that the Subject has caused the Victim to be transported from Gary, Indiana to Hurley, Wisconsin on several occasions during the past year by train, where she works in houses of prostitution at Hurley. Informant stated that on or about November 1, 1954 the Subject caused the Victim to be transported to Hurley, Wisconsin from Gary, Indiana by train, and she began working as a prostitute at the French Casino, [REDACTED] Victim [REDACTED] was observed by surveying agents working as a prostitute out of the French Casino.

[REDACTED] VICTIMS  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

[REDACTED] advised that the Subjects are the [REDACTED] of the Hi Hat, a new house of prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin. Subject [REDACTED] the house, and Subject [REDACTED] out of the Maryland Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, procuring prostitutes to place in this house. Informant stated that on or about November 15, 1954, [REDACTED] transported Victims [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by automobile from Chicago, Illinois to Hurley, Wisconsin. Informant stated these girls began working as prostitutes at the Hi Hat, but on the day after their arrival, Victim [REDACTED] began working as a prostitute at the Club Francis. Victims [REDACTED] were observed by surveying agents working at the Hi Hat and Victim [REDACTED] was observed at the Club Francis soliciting for prostitution. Subject [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] was seen in Hurley, Wisconsin on November 23, 1954 and during his time in Hurley, he was observed by surveying agents.

[REDACTED] VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

[REDACTED] advised that the Subject and Victim resided at Ironwood, Michigan and that the Victim worked as a prostitute at Margaret's



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Bar at Hurley, Wisconsin. Informant advised that the Victim travels daily from Ironwood, Michigan to Hurley, Wisconsin to her place of employment. Informant stated that the Victim makes these trips sometimes by cab alone and that on other occasions the Subject transports her in his automobile. Victim [ ] was observed on three occasions during the survey by surveying agents to travel from her home in Ironwood, Michigan to Margaret's Bar in Hurley by cab. The Subject was not observed by these agents to transport Victim [ ]

During the course of this survey, the following information was obtained concerning the case entitled, [ ] was... [ ]

[ ] - VICTIMS,  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT," Milwaukee file 31-1801.

[ ] FBI, previously mentioned in this report, advised that [ ] had caused Victim [ ] to be transported from Danville, Illinois to Hurley, Wisconsin on numerous occasions by train or plane since the spring of 1954 and while in Hurley, Wisconsin, [ ] works at the Holiday Inn as a prostitute. [ ] stated that Victim [ ] was working at the Holiday Inn, Hurley, Wisconsin until November 18, 1954, at which time she returned to Danville, Illinois or Peoria, Illinois. [ ] It was [ ] belief that [ ] of the Holiday Inn, had driven Victim [ ] to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where she boarded a train for Danville or Peoria, Illinois. This same informant advised that [ ] had also caused Victim [ ] to be transported by plane or train on numerous occasions for the past four or five years to Hurley, Wisconsin to work as a prostitute at the Holiday Inn. Informant did not know the present whereabouts of [ ] but stated that she was not working at the Holiday Inn during the period of the survey. [ ] left Hurley, Wisconsin on November 23, 1954 with the intention of going to Danville, Illinois to obtain further information concerning the Subjects and Victims in this case.

The following cases which are presently under active investigation by the Milwaukee Office were taken into consideration in connection with the survey inasmuch as it had been previously reported by

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[redacted] that the pimps in these cases had in the past been accustomed to transporting their prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin during the Wisconsin hunting season, and the informant was of the belief that these pimps would again transport their prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin for the purpose of prostitution during the Wisconsin hunting season which was covered in this survey: [redacted] was. - VICTIM.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT." Milwaukee file 31-1817; [redacted]

[redacted] wa. - VICTIM. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT." Milwaukee file 31-1828; [redacted]

wa. [redacted] was.; [redacted] wa.; [redacted] was., et al - VICTIMS, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT."

Milwaukee file 31-1849, Detroit file 31-7441; [redacted] was.; [redacted] - VICTIM, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT," Milwaukee file 31-1889.

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Complete descriptive data concerning these pimps and prostitutes had previously been obtained prior to the date of this survey. It was in the possession of surveying agents. When the presence of these individuals was not noted during the period of the survey, [redacted] was recontacted in this matter to determine any reason why these individuals had not come to Hurley for the hunting season as they had in the past. The informant subsequently stated that he had made contact with several brothel owners in Hurley and had been informed by them that numerous pimps from Indiana and Illinois, including the aforementioned Subjects, did not make the trip to Hurley, Wisconsin during the Wisconsin hunting season in 1954 due to the fact that he had heard that the FBI in the past year had been exerting pressure in the Hurley, Wisconsin area in its White Slave Traffic Act investigations and these pimps were, therefore, afraid they might become involved in difficulties should they travel to Hurley, Wisconsin.

Prior to the period of this survey, information had come to the attention of the Milwaukee Division that operators of night clubs in Hurley, Wisconsin had been hiring entertainers to work as strip teasers out of booking agencies in Chicago, Illinois. Information was further received that these entertainers while not on the stage, circulated among the patrons, soliciting drinks. To facilitate the solicitation of these drinks, these entertainers performed immoral acts with the customers in the Clubs. These facts had previously been discussed with United States Attorney GEORGE E. RAFF at Madison, Wisconsin, and he advised that if it could be proven that girls were



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transported from Chicago, Illinois to Hurley, Wisconsin to work as entertainers and that if they subsequently performed lewd and immoral acts with customers in the club with the knowledge of the owner of the club, it might be considered as debauchery and would bring the case within the purview of the White Slave Traffic Act statute. As a consequence, surveying agents, working in pairs, were assigned on a nightly basis to observe the activities of the entertainers at the night clubs in Hurley, Wisconsin. The night clubs operating at the present time are the Carnival Club, owned and operated by RICHARD MATTELLA and JOHN GASHARRI; the Bandbox, owned by JOHN KALASARDO, and the Bowery, owned by JOHN CARLI.

Continuous observations by the agents at the Bowery failed to reflect that the entertainers in that club operated in any other capacity than that of an entertainer. Agents observed at the Carnival Club that there were eight entertainers at that club who operated as strip tease artists. Seven of these entertainers were observed by agents circulating among the patrons of the club when they were not on the stage, soliciting drinks and each one of these girls was observed performing immoral acts with patrons of the club to facilitate solicitation of drinks. These entertainers were subsequently interviewed by Bureau agents for the purpose of obtaining identities and at the time of interview they were photographed and fingerprinted. A new White Slave Traffic Act case is being opened under the title, "RICHARD MATTELLA; JOHN GASHARRI; MARY LOUISE GROSSMAN, wa., Louise Taylor (stage name); MARY JEAN WEISS, wa., Jeanie Weiss (stage name); RUTH E. MAPS, wa., Carmelita Martell (stage name); ANNA DONATIA GARCIA, wa., Irene LaMour (stage name); MARY LANZA, wa., Jasmine Knight (stage name); ELMERITA GAYE SUTTON, was., Gaye Daye, Gaye Dawn (stage names); FENELORE GORFAIN, wa., Penny LaVal (stage name) - VICTIMS, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT."

Two agents, while in attendance at the Bandbox in a surveying capacity, observed one of the entertainers who works as a strip teaser. This strip teaser, after she had finished her act, circulated among the customers, soliciting for drinks and on one occasion she approached surveying agents and solicited for prostitution. On the basis of this activity a new White Slave Traffic Act case is being opened under the caption, "JOHN ROCCO KALASARDO; MARGARET JEAN REDDUS, was., Margaret Jean Smith, Xonia, Peggy - VICTIM, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT."

[ ] was contacted concerning the identity of prostitutes and possible pimps of these prostitutes working in houses of

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prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin other than houses where prostitutes are working who are alleged by this informant to have pimps.

**BLACKHAWK:** [redacted] advised that there was one inmate named [redacted] whose description was unknown to the informant, presently working at this house. Informant stated that [redacted] worked [redacted] of the Blackhawk and [redacted] Informant also stated that [redacted] was allegedly from the state of Wisconsin and had no pimp. Surveying agents made periodic checks at the Blackhawk but did not observe [redacted]

**FLAME:** Informant stated that there were three prostitutes working at the Flame who had been working at this establishment for several years. He stated that these girls made their homes in the state of Wisconsin and did not operate with pimps. Complete descriptive data was obtained on these girls. Informant named these girls as [redacted] with alias [redacted] and [redacted] Informant stated that the operators of the Flame Bar had these girls working out of a back room and they were not visible to the general public. Surveying agents, while covering the Flame Bar, did not observe these girls.

**RITZ:** Informant stated that there was one girl named [redacted] working at the Ritz Bar. Informant furnished descriptive data concerning [redacted] and advised that she was a local girl and operated without a pimp. [redacted] was observed by surveying agents during the course of this survey.

**HI-HO:** Informant stated that at the present time there are two prostitutes working at the Hi-Ho Club. He described these girls as [redacted] and supplied descriptive data concerning them. Informant advised that both of these girls were from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and had Milwaukee pimps. It is known that [redacted] true name is [redacted] and she is a victim in a White Slave Traffic Act investigation in the Milwaukee Division entitled, [redacted] was., WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT," Milwaukee file 31-1888, and [redacted] is known to be the prostitute of one [redacted] a known hoodlum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Both of these inmates were observed by surveying agents.

**SMOKEY'S:** Informant stated that there is one inmate at this house of prostitution named [redacted] Informant supplied descriptive data concerning this individual and advised that this girl works [redacted] at Smokey's Bar and is not

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visible to patrons in the tavern. [ ] is known to be a victim in a previous White Slave Traffic Act investigation and was reported to be working as a prostitute for her husband. [ ] has previously been interviewed by Bureau agents and has proven very uncooperative. Due to her uncooperative attitude, the United States Attorney at Madison, Wisconsin has previously declined prosecution in that matter.

**GOLD NUGGET:** Informant stated that there is one girl named [ ] presently working in the Gold Nugget. Informant stated that [ ] has worked at this establishment for several years and has no pimp. Informant also advised that [ ] works [ ] at the Gold Nugget and, as a consequence, she was not observed by surveying agents.

**SHORTY & MARY'S:** Informant stated that there was one girl named [ ] (phonetic) presently working at this house of prostitution. Informant stated that [ ] is a girl from Hurley, Wisconsin and has no pimp. This girl was not observed by surveying agents.

**ORCHID BAR:** Informant stated that there is one girl working at the Orchid Bar whose name and identity he was unable to furnish. He stated, however, that this girl was alleged by the owner of the Orchid Bar to be from the state of Wisconsin and had no pimp. Informant stated further that this girl worked out of a rear room at the Orchid Bar and was not visible to the public. This girl was not observed by surveying agents during their periodic checks of the Orchid Bar.

**RED FEATHER:** Informant stated that there are no girls working at the Red Feather at the present time. He stated that local prostitutes at Hurley bring tricks which they have obtained on the streets at Hurley to the Red Feather and rooms are made available to them for prostitutional purposes.

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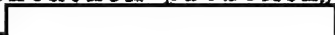
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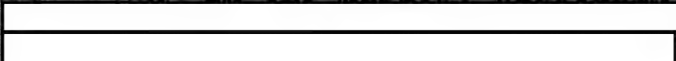
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A White Slave Traffic Act survey was conducted at Hurley, Wisconsin from November 17 through November 24, 1954. There are approximately sixteen houses of prostitution presently operating in the Hurley, Wisconsin area. 

 There are set out below

 which appear to be pertinent to this survey. These are as follows:

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All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to identify [REDACTED] numbers set out within their respective divisions and to obtain background information concerning these individuals.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SPRINGFIELD  
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United States Department of Justice  
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RE: license numbers 2501873, 101017, 1219707, 2189745, 1185078, 1106915, 1778933, 11748869, 1362919, 1253130, File 31-1910

Dear Sirs:

In answer to your recent letter of November 30, 1954, I wish to advise you of the following information.

1954 license number 101-017 was issued to T. S. Boomker, 1010 Clarence Ave., Oak Park, Illinois, covering a Buick, Factory number 15562125 and Engine number 57793595. The license were issued on November 4, 1953.

1954 license number 1-174-886 was issued to Babette McFarland, 5669 N. Magnolia, Chicago, Illinois, covering a 1950 Pontiac, 2 door Factory number none and Engine number P6TS30365. The license were issued on March 20, 1954.

1954 license number 1-185-076 was issued to Richard E. Smigiel, 8058 Bradon Ave., Chicago 17, Illinois, covering a 1953 Dodge Sedan, Factory number 134506597 and Engine number D44-14921. The license were issued on March 10, 1954.

1954 license number 1-219-707 was issued to William S. Moute, Box. 844, Wauconda, Illinois, covering a 1951 Chrysler 4 door Sedan, Factory number 70918651 and Engine number C51-38458. The license were issued on May 26, 1954.

1954 license number 1-253-130 was issued to Ivan A. Potter, 9541 McVickers Oak Lawn, Illinois, covering a 1939 Dodge 4 door Sedan, Factory number 30-198-144 and Engine number D11-156084. The license were issued on January 11, 1954.

1954 license number 1-362-919 was issued to Harriet N. McGee, 1243 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Illinois, covering a 1947 Buick 2 door, Factory no. none and Engine number 48302555. License were issued on May 19, 1954. 31-1910-42

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1954 license number 1-406-945 was issued to John F. Edwards, 114 N. Williams St., Box 68, Geneseo, Illinois, covering a 1954 Cadillac Coupe, Factory number 5462 45610 and Engine number 5462-45610. The license were issued on June 11, 1954.

1954 license number 1-778-933 was issued to Rose La Verdure, 2074 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 47, Illinois, covering a 1953 Oldsmobile, Factory number 539M 40324 and Engine number R484719. The license were issued on July 20, 1954.

1954 license number 2-489-746 was issued to Al Menting, 3508 Normandy Ave., Rockford, Illinois, covering a 1950 Cadillac, Fordor, Factory number 50621 0097 and Engine number 506210097. The license were issued on March 26, 1954.

1954 license number 2-601-873 was issued to Hedy Jo Star, 1446 Queeny, E. St. Louis, Illinois, covering a 1951 Cadillac Sedan, Factory number same, and Engine number 5162-12097. The license were issued on August 11, 1954.

Assuring you of our desire to be of service to you at all times, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Charles S. Cantelero*  
Secretary of State

Auto Dept.,  
Filing Division  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin  
November 30, 1954

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 31-1910

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
MAILING DIVISION

Director  
Motor Vehicle Department  
State of Michigan  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this Office is desirous of obtaining information as to the identity of individuals having the following automobile registrations:

MA 4426, 1952 Cadillac  
AB 1655, 1949 Cadillac  
WJ 6107, Cadillac

1953  
Edwards  
Loring-Waterhouse

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*James B. Poster*

JAMES B. POSTER  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: December 9, 1954

FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON and  
SA [REDACTED]b6  
b7CSUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY,  
HURLEY, WISCONSINRe memo dated December 1, 1954 (see serial 32), setting forth  
the [REDACTED]b6  
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b7EThe agents worked in teams of two except on one occasion when  
SA [REDACTED] was assisting SA [REDACTED] with  
informant coverage when it was necessary to create one three-man  
team.b6  
b7CThe following schedule shows the nature and place of the assignments,  
together with the time and the names of the agents involved:

<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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SA [REDACTED]

SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS

SA [REDACTED]

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<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SA RICHARD G. MORTON			

SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

S: [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

SAC, Chicago (31-4989)

December 15, 1954

 SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re Chicago air-tel to Milwaukee dated December 2, 1954, requesting the Milwaukee Division to supply information concerning the activities of [redacted] PCI, at Hurley, Wisconsin during the period of the White Slave Traffic Act Survey from November 17, 1954 to November 24, 1954.

This is to advise that [redacted] while at Hurley, Wisconsin, was assigned exclusively to obtain information relative to the

[redacted]  
[redacted] - VICTIM, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT."

Informant stated that the Subject and Victim reside at [redacted] and that the Subject has transported or caused Victim to be transported to Hurley, Wisconsin from [redacted] on numerous occasions. Informant advised that [redacted] transports the Victim by automobile and on other occasions has caused her to be transported by train. Informant stated that Victim [redacted] came to Hurley, Wisconsin from [redacted] by train. Until November 18, 1954 she [redacted] at the Holiday Inn, which is [redacted]. Informant stated that Victim [redacted] left Hurley, Wisconsin to return to [redacted] on November 18, 1954. Informant stated that [redacted] drove Victim [redacted] to some other city, probably [redacted] where Victim [redacted] took a train to [redacted]. Informant stated that [redacted] had Victim [redacted] work [redacted] of the Holiday Inn and that she [redacted].

She also supplied information in the case entitled, [redacted] - VICTIM, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT." Informant advised that the Subject and Victim resided in Chicago, Illinois. Informant stated that she had learned that the Subject sent the Victim to Hurley, Wisconsin from Chicago, Illinois by train on or about November 15, 1954, and she began working as a prostitute at the Holiday Inn. This

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Letter to Chicago  
December 15, 1954  
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Informant further stated that on or about November 23, 1954 [redacted] left Hurley, Wisconsin and returned to Chicago, Illinois. It was this informant's belief that [redacted] the [redacted] of the Holiday Inn where [redacted] had driven [redacted] to some other city, probably [redacted] Wisconsin and that Victim [redacted] had returned to Chicago, Illinois from that city. This informant further stated that on [redacted] sent a [redacted] [redacted] from Ironwood, Michigan to the Subject in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] also supplied information in the case entitled, [redacted] was., et al; [redacted] was., et al - VICTIMS. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT." This informant advised that [redacted] a Subject in this case, had caused Victim [redacted] to be transported from [redacted] [redacted] to Hurley, Wisconsin on numerous occasions by train or plane since the spring of 1954 and while in Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] always worked at the Holiday Inn as a prostitute. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was working at the Holiday Inn at Hurley until November 18, 1954, at which time she returned to [redacted] It was [redacted] belief that [redacted] of the Holiday Inn, had driven Victim [redacted] to [redacted] Wisconsin, where she boarded a train for [redacted] This same informant advised that [redacted] had also caused one [redacted] another Victim in this case, to be transported by plane or train on numerous occasions for the past four or five years to Hurley, Wisconsin to work as a prostitute at the Holiday Inn. This informant was unable to state anything as to the present whereabouts of [redacted] but stated that she was not working at the Holiday Inn during the period of the survey.

This informant, upon her departure from Hurley, Wisconsin on November 23, 1954, advised that prior to her return to Chicago, it was her intention to go to [redacted] to contact [redacted]

[redacted] It was also her intention to attempt to obtain further information concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] also stated that she would obtain more definite information concerning the prostitutional activities of [redacted] and [redacted]

Letter to Chicago  
December 15, 1954  
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This is the extent of information obtained from this informant during the time she was at Hurley, Wisconsin and is being forwarded to the Chicago Office for informational purposes.

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BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

December 8, 1954

James B. Poster  
United States Department  
of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date, concerning identification  
of Indiana license numbers, we wish to advise as follows:

GG 8215 - Chester Rhodes, 2205 Parire Street, Elkhart, Ind.

CN 4452 - Lavone Grewell, P.O. Box 241, Griffith, Ind.

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
MORRIS J. CARTER, COMMISSIONER.

*Mildred Humphries*  
MILDRED HUMPHRIES  
SUPERVISOR OF TITLE FILE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*BBF*  
TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE  
FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (31-2927)  
SUBJECT: WSTA GENERAL *WSTA Hurley 31-1910*

DATE: December 22, 1954

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On 11-26-54, [ ] advised that [ ] Minn. was now living either in Hurley, Wis. or in the vicinity of Hurley and that he was driving a 1949 or 1950 Cadillac bearing 1954 Minnesota license. In connection with this license, inquiry at the [ ] Minn. Police Department indicated that it has license number [ ] and indicates that [ ] is living at [ ] Minn.

On 12-10-54, informant advised that he had heard rumors that there is possibly a WSTA ring operating between Milwaukee and Hurley, Wis. and Fort William and Port Arthur, Canada. Informant had no definite knowledge of this ring but stated that it was merely a rumor and he was making it available for possible tieup with any current investigations conducted by the Milwaukee Office.

In the event any further information is developed, the Milwaukee Office will be advised.

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## Deny Accusations of White Slavery

Journal Special Correspondence

Wausau, Wis. — Four men indicted for alleged white slavery activity pleaded innocent Friday before Federal Judge Patrick Stone.

They are James Shields, operator of the Triangle tavern at Hurley; Pete Piazza and William Mattrella, both of Hurley, and Donald Harris, Springfield, Ill.

Stone released the four men on \$3,500 bond each. No trial date was set.

All four defendants were charged with transporting girls across state lines for immoral purposes.

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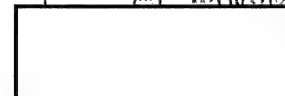
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

FROM : *JP* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (31-2730)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

DATE: 12-23-54

Re: Milwaukee letter to Director dated 12-7-54.

The following information is furnished to the Milwaukee Division for possible assistance in connection with subject named matter.

Reference is made to page nine of referenced letter in which the informant mentioned [redacted] as being connected with [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] and in recent interviews with agents of this office, admitted hustling while [redacted]. She is presently working as a prostitute for [redacted] Illinois, under the name [redacted]

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Reference is also made to page five on which [redacted] [redacted] is mentioned. [redacted] is presently employed as a prostitute at Danville, Illinois, by [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

DATE: 12/28/54

FROM :  b6  
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SUBJECT: WSTA Hurley, Wis.

Re Minneapolis letter 12/22/54

AL LEWIS referred to in referenced letter is apparently identical to ALVIN T. LEWIS who resides on a lake near Mercer, Wis. He reportedly has a girl working for him as a prostitute at Mae Yaeger's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. According to ERNEST COUREY, tavern operator and resort owner, Mercer, Wis., LEWIS periodically receives large sums of money through the mails.

To date the writer has been unable, through informants, to develop any information indicative of any federal violation on the part of LEWIS.

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*[Signature]*

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (31-4989)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

DATE: January 5, 1955

Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated December 15, 1954.

Review of Chicago files indicate that the Louisville Division is origin in a case entitled "PETER JOHN VERNER, was. Jack P. Verner, Pete; LAURA GENEVA VERNER, was. Geneva Laura Martin, Geneva Martin, Geneva Sartin, Geneva Verner, Mrs. Frank Chrich, Marge Evans, Marge - VICTIM, WSTA."

For the information of the Louisville Division, the captioned survey was conducted by the Milwaukee Division during November, 1954, and through the efforts of [redacted] PCI, Chicago, information was furnished by that PCI in the Milwaukee case entitled [redacted] wa. [redacted] - VICTIM, WSTA." Informant advised that the subject and victim resided in Chicago, Illinois, and it was learned that the subject had sent the victim to Hurley, Wisconsin, from Chicago, Illinois, by train on or about November 15, 1954, and she began working as a prostitute at the Holiday Inn, Hurley, Wisconsin. On or about November 23, 1954, the victim left Hurley, Wisconsin, and returned to Chicago, Illinois. It was this informant's belief that [redacted] of the Holiday Inn, where [redacted] worked, had driven [redacted] to some other city, probably [redacted] Wisconsin, and that victim had returned to Chicago from that city. It was learned by the informant that on November 20, 1954, [redacted] sent a [redacted] from Ironwood, Michigan, to the subject in Chicago, Illinois.

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On December 23, 1954, informant advised that the victim had returned to Hurley, Wisconsin, but

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1 - Chicago [redacted]

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SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN

informant did not know the mode of transportation victim had used. According to the informant, the victim is presently working at the Holiday Inn in Hurley, Wisconsin.

For the additional information of the Louisville office, the subject is presently residing under the name of WALTER VERNER, 4716 Winthrop, Apartment 301, Chicago, telephone SU 4-9303.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. JANUARY 5, 1955

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910) AIRMAIL

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY, HURLEY, WISCONSIN. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU FURNISH A BRIEF SUMMARY AND IDENTITY OF THE CASES WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1954, AS SET OUT IN YOUR TELETYPE NOVEMBER 23, 1954. INFORMATION REGARDING THE INDICTMENTS RETURNED AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED, IF ANY, SHOULD BE FURNISHED.

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Director, FBI

January 14, 1955

*JS* SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Rebuar-tel dated January 5, 1955 and Milwaukee teletype to the Bureau November 23, 1954.

As a result of the WSTA survey conducted at Hurley, Wisconsin, the following WSTA case was opened: "RICHARD MATTELLA; JOHN GASBARRI; MARY LOUISE GROSSMAN, wa. Louise Taylor; MARY JEAN WEISS, wa. Jeanie Weiss; RUTH E. MAPES, wa. Carmelita Martell; ANNA DONATIA GARCIA, wa. Irene Lallour; MARY LANZA, wa. Jasmine Knight; ELMERTA GAYE SUTTON, wa. Gaye Daye, Gaye Dawn; PENELOPE GORMAIN, wa. Penny LaVal - VICTIMS, WSTA," Milwaukee file 31-1915.

Investigation has reflected that the Subjects are the operators of the Carnival Club, a night club located at Hurley, Wisconsin. The Victims in this case are entertainers and all, with the exception of Victim MAPES, are striptease dancers. Investigation has further reflected that the Subjects hired the Victims out of a booking agency in Chicago, Illinois and either paid part of their transportation from Chicago to Hurley, Wisconsin, or actually transported the Victims from Chicago to Hurley, Wisconsin. The Victims acted as entertainers but while they were off the stage they circulated among the patrons soliciting drinks. To facilitate solicitation of drinks the Victims were observed performing lewd and obscene acts with the patrons.

The United States Attorney at Madison, Wisconsin has indicated that he believes the interstate transportation by the Subjects of the Victims, and the Victims subsequent lewd activities at Hurley, Wisconsin brings this case within the purview of the WSTA statutes. It is the intention of the United States Attorney at Madison, Wisconsin to present this case to a Federal Grand Jury at Madison, Wisconsin during the latter part of January, 1955 with the purpose of indicting MATTELLA and GASBARRI, who are co-owners of the Carnival Club at Hurley, Wisconsin. To date this is the only case developed during the course of the WSTA survey which is ready to be presented to a Federal Grand Jury.

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DATE: JAN 14 1955

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (31-4989)  
SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

DATE: 1/13/55

Reference is made to Chicago letter to the Director dated 11/27/54.

For the information of offices who heretofore have not received correspondence in this matter, the following background is set forth:

During November, 1954, the Milwaukee Division was conducting a survey of White Slave Traffic Act activities at Hurley, Wisconsin. Hurley which a resort town where prostitutional activity is heavy during the resort season and deer hunting season. During the current deer hunting season, the instant survey was conducted and [redacted] PCI, Chicago, was assigned to assist the Milwaukee agents in conducting the above survey.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

A portion of the information developed during the survey reflected that [redacted] pimp, [redacted] Illinois, had three girls working in Hurley, Wisconsin. They were [redacted] alias [redacted]

[redacted] alias [redacted]

[redacted] has been a pimp in [redacted] Illinois, for several years and is described as follows:

Age	29
Race	White
Height	6'2"
Weight	200 lbs.
Drives 1954 Ford,	
robin blue convertible	

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He is the [redacted] age 33, who [redacted] the Shamrock Tavern, Danville, Illinois, and is believed not to be engaged in prostitutional activities.

Upon completion of the Hurley, Wisconsin, assignment, Milwaukee by teletype dated November 25, 1954, requested the Chicago Division to send the informant to [redacted] and [redacted] Illinois, in order [redacted] who had left for either [redacted] Illinois, where she was [redacted] The informant, through [redacted] was to obtain information concerning [redacted]

During the period, November 27-30, 1954, PCI, the informant, visited [redacted] Illinois, where [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois. It [redacted] PCI was successful in [redacted]

[redacted] The informant [redacted]

[redacted] The significance of [redacted] is not known to the informant, with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted]

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It is noted, however, that [redacted] is alleged to have prostitutional connections in several states, and the designated offices should check out the below listings

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

for possible prostitutional activities which may come  
within the Bureau's jurisdiction and interest.

ALBANY DIVISION

Name Jean  
Street Oneida  
City Utica, New York  
Telephone 2-9463

BUFFALO DIVISION

Name Anna  
City Corning, New York  
Telephone 1650

Name Helen  
Street Niagara Street  
City Lockport, New York  
Telephone 1743

CHICAGO DIVISION

Name  
Street  
City

Room 307

CINCINNATI DIVISION

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Name Zona  
City Portsmouth, Ohio  
Telephone 5-9602

Name  
Street  
City

Telephone 2-0301

Name Pauline Taboa  
Street  
City Bowling Green (listed under both  
Louisville and Cincinnati)  
Telephone 2-0855

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

CLEVELAND DIVISION

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED]  
Telephone Wash 1-4875

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DETROIT DIVISION

Name Ruth Moore  
Street 504 Division  
City Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Telephone 9-7440

Name Bertha Rossell  
City Benton Harbor, Michigan  
Telephone 5-4436

Name Jerry  
City Jackson, Michigan  
Telephone 9155

INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED]  
Telephone 5-1516

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED]

Name Maize (Madam)  
City Anderson, Indiana  
Telephone 9940

Name Opal (Madam)  
City Lafayette, Indiana  
Telephone 2-6277

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED]  
Telephone 4-0217

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

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Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Indiana

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Indiana  
(also has hotel in [redacted] Illinois,  
on [redacted])

Name Kate  
Street Harrison  
City Terre Haute, Indiana  
Telephone 8811

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

City Hot Springs, Arkansas  
Telephone 3916

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted]  
Telephone 3-22451

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Kentucky  
Telephone 5-720

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Kentucky  
Telephone Jackson 5919

Name Pauline Tabor (Madam)  
City Bowling Green  
Telephone 2-0855 (listed also under Cincinnati Division)

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

City Bakersfield, California  
Telephone 5-5162

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] California  
Telephone Frontier 4-5029

NEW YORK DIVISION

Name Vera  
City Hudson, New York  
Telephone 1637

Name Mary  
Street Columbia  
City Hudson, New York  
Telephone 1804

OMAHA DIVISION

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Iowa  
Telephone 3-0124

Street 406½ E. 2nd  
City Davenport, Iowa

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Iowa  
Telephone 6-3620

Name Boston, Hotel  
City Sioux City, Iowa

PHOENIX DIVISION

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Arizona  
Telephone 5-9101

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Name Ren Hotel  
City Phoenix, Arizona  
Telephone Prescott 1279

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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Name Moms  
Street 212 $\frac{1}{2}$  L Street  
City Sacramento, California  
Telephone Hickory 9-5468

Name Lock Rooms  
City Vallejo, California  
Telephone Ginger 3-3339

Name Lamb Room  
City Vallejo, California  
Telephone 3-9993

Name Vickie  
City Eureka, California  
Telephone 3956-J

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Illinois  
Telephone 6941

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Illinois

Name [REDACTED]  
Street [REDACTED]  
City [REDACTED] Illinois  
Telephone 2217 W

Name Hideout  
City Danville, Illinois  
Telephone 4891

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois  
Telephone 7-5629

Name Ritz Hotel  
Street 217 $\frac{1}{2}$  17th Street  
City Rock Island  
Telephone 6-9241

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois

Name Rose Side  
City Stock Island (believed to be Rock Island)  
Telephone 3-3834

Name St. Louis Hotel  
Street 134 Clair Avenue  
City East St. Louis, Illinois  
Telephone 8922

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Indiana  
(has hotel in [redacted] on [redacted])

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois

Street 301 Commercial  
City Danville, Illinois

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois  
Telephone 8402

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Name [redacted]  
Street [redacted]  
City [redacted] Illinois  
Telephone 3007

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The following information was furnished by the informant as a result of her trip to Hurley, Wisconsin, and Danville, Illinois, and is being set forth for the information and the assistance of the Springfield and Milwaukee Divisions.

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[redacted] wa.  
- VICTIM  
WSTA

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[redacted] is a prostitute at Hurley, Wisconsin, at the Holiday Inn and her true name is [redacted] Illinois. telephone Sunny- side 4-9303. Her pimp and [redacted] of the above address.

During the time of instant survey, [redacted] returned to Chicago, [redacted]

[redacted]

On [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] The informant was unable to obtain the details as to [redacted] but believed [redacted] Wisconsin.

[redacted] was.  
[redacted] - VICTIM  
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wa. [redacted] - VICTIM  
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The informant learned that victims [redacted] and [redacted] were working for [redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin.



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at the Holiday Inn and had been sent there some time during the spring or summer of 1954. The mode of transportation was not known to the informant. Prior to the informant's arrival at Hurley, Wisconsin, Victims [redacted] and [redacted] had left Hurley, Wisconsin, for Danville, Illinois. The informant learned that [redacted] Illinois, from Hurley, Wisconsin, on [redacted] Illinois.

It was learned by the informant that [redacted] true name is [redacted] and that her home is in [redacted] Illinois. It was also learned that [redacted] at the time of her leaving Hurley, Wisconsin, was [redacted]

From [redacted] Illinois, [redacted] of her own volition [redacted] Illinois, and went to work at a house, [redacted] In a few weeks [redacted]

As to [redacted] at the time of the survey in Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] returned to Danville, Illinois, and went to work at a house in Danville run by [redacted] Illinois.

It was learned on December 23, 1954, from the informant that [redacted] who plays in one of the joints in Hurley, Wisconsin, had returned to Hurley and is presently working in a house at Hurley.

As to [redacted] alias, she returned to Danville, Illinois, as of the time of the Hurley Survey and went to work at [redacted] Illinois, and is currently working in that house.

As to the subject, [redacted] he is presently in Milford, Illinois, allegedly selling cars and is allegedly married to one [redacted] a prostitute whom the

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informant described as a [redacted]  
[redacted] in a  
house of prostitution. According to the informant,  
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[redacted] - VICTIM  
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The informant identified [redacted] who  
[redacted] Illinois, as a pimp operating  
in [redacted]. The informant states that [redacted] had a  
girl, first name [redacted] working at the Holiday Inn in  
Hurley, Wisconsin, and also a blonde, identity unknown,  
working for him at the present time at [redacted]  
[redacted] Illinois.

PCI identified the following houses of prostitution  
in Danville, Illinois:

Tiny's  
201 Bryan Street  
one girl, [redacted]

Tonda (new house)  
next to [redacted]

[redacted]  
address unknown  
(cab drivers bring trade to [redacted])

[redacted]  
next to [redacted]  
inmates of this house are [redacted] (LNU).

[redacted]  
inmate is [redacted] (not identical with  
[redacted])

[redacted]  
three girls, identities not known

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

DATE: January 17, 1955

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (31-6767)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
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Reference is made to your letter to Chicago dated December 8, 1954.

Referenced letter reflects a list of telephone calls made to and from telephones at Hurley, Wisconsin, which appeared pertinent to captioned matter. Among those calls listed was noted a collect call made on August 15, 1954 from MARCO SIMS, Waynesville, Missouri, telephone number 63, to DICK MATTRELLA, Jackpot's Flame Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, telephone number 9061.

It was determined from the Waynesville, Missouri telephone directory that number 63 was listed as being a coin box telephone located at the Silver Star Nite Club, which is owned and operated by one EUGENE GREENWAY.

Mr. GREENWAY advised that the name MARGO SIMS was meaningless to him. He said it was impossible for him to have knowledge of persons making calls from the coin box located in his restaurant and night club inasmuch as the telephone was available to the public and was restricted in no way at all. Mr. GREENWAY made a search of the persons which made up the floor show troop working at his night club during the period of August 15, 1954 but did not find anything of value. The strip tease artist employed by him during this period was listed on his pay record as being MAXINE SULLIVAN, who GREENWAY advised he had booked through the Mike Riaff International Artists Agency of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. GREENWAY was unable to provide a description of SULLIVAN.

The following persons were also contacted at Waynesville, Missouri in an effort to develop information

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concerning MARCO SIMS with negative results:

DORSEY RAYL, Pulaski County Sheriff;

DICK GRAY, Pulaski County Deputy Sheriff;

H.H. HOLLAND, Assistant Post Master,  
Waynesville, Missouri;

[redacted] a PCI of the Kansas City Office  
who is located at [redacted] Missouri;

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[redacted] a PCI of the Kansas City  
Office located at [redacted] Missouri;

[redacted] a PCI of the Kansas City  
Office located at [redacted] Missouri.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE

DATE: December 15, 1954

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7CSUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSINRefer to memo of SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON and SA [REDACTED]  
dated December 9, 1954, which sets out [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]This is to reflect that on December 15, 1954 the following  
[REDACTED] by SAC

JAMES B. POSTER:

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b7EReceipts were executed by the aforementioned agents in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and these receipts are being attached  
to this memo.FJL/tcr,  
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cc: SAC POSTER

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# Hurley Vice Probe, Goal

## West Allis Lawyer Says Syndicate Is Now in Control

A petition asking Circuit Judge Lewis J. Charles of Ashland to call a grand jury to investigate an alleged "vice and protection" syndicate in Hurley will be presented to Judge Charles on Wednesday, Robert J. Beaudry, a West Allis attorney, said here Friday.

Beaudry said that the petition would name certain public officials and certain tavern keepers as members of what he called a five man syndicate "that absolutely rules Hurley."

### Promises to Co-operate

Beaudry will file the petition, he said, on behalf of Mrs. Verna Carli, 52, licensee of the Bowery, a Hurley night club, and her son, John Carli, manager of the Bowery. He claimed that the alleged syndicate is attempting to force the Carlis out of business.

Dist. Atty. George Sullivan of Iron county, in which Hurley is situated, said Friday that he knew nothing about an alleged syndicate.

"However," he said, "if the court feels there is a need for a grand jury investigation, it will get all the co-operation in the world from my department."

### Revocation Ordered

The Hurley city council ordered the Bowery's tavern license revoked at a special meeting Dec. 31 on the ground that it was a disorderly place because of a fight that occurred there the night of Dec. 17.

Beaudry, who had entered the case a few days before Dec. 31, obtained a restraining order later that day from Judge Charles, holding up the revocation until an appeal could be made to the circuit court.

The appeal was heard by Judge Charles on Jan. 11, at which time he upheld the Hurley council and

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withdrew the restraining order. The Bowery closed that day.

#### Decision Is Appealed

Beaudry appealed Judge Charles' decision to the state supreme court, contending that the revocation was unjustified and deprived Mrs. Carli of her means of making a living.

The supreme court Thursday issued an order temporarily staying enforcement of the revocation order until it decides whether the Hurley council had a right to revoke the license. No decision is expected until March. The Bowery, meanwhile, reopened Thursday night under the protection of the supreme court's temporary order.

The fight that caused the license trouble resulted in charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm being filed against John Carli, his uncle, Alfred Carli and Edward Harris, all employees of the Bowery.

They are accused of having

beaten up John Garber, manager of King's Gateway resort at Land o' Lakes. Garber alleges that part of his right ear was bitten off by one of the men while the other two held him on the floor of the Bowery.

At a preliminary hearing, charges were dismissed against Harris. He has since left Hurley. The case against the other two was continued until the May term of circuit court.

#### Tells of Assault

Garber testified at the council revocation hearing and at the preliminary hearing that he was assaulted by the three men because he was talking to a saxophone player, employed at the Bowery, about working at the Gateway on New Year's eve.

This was denied by the Carlis.

Mrs. John Carli, who was in Milwaukee Friday after having conferred with Beaudry Thursday, said that Garber started the fight after refusing to pay for some drinks he had ordered. She said that he had talked to the musician two days earlier about working on New Year's eve and

that her husband had given him permission then to work for Garber.

Mrs. Carli said that the alleged syndicate is trying to force the Bowery out of business because it is the only large club with a floor show operating in Hurley that is not owned by the "syndicate."

Mayor Peter J. DeRubeis of Hurley said Friday that the claim of an alleged syndicate operating in Hurley "is fantastic."

"This syndicate business is pretty much the product of a headline seeking Milwaukee attorney," he said. He said that John Carli "has about the worst record of any tavern keeper in Hurley."

Carli served 60 days in jail in 1953 on an assault charge.



# OFFICIALS RIP VICE CHARGE AT HURLEY

## Deny 'Syndicate' Running Town

Hurley's mayor and police chief vehemently denied Friday a Hurley man's charge that the revocation of the license of a night club he manages was "a conspiracy on the part of a syndicate."

John Carl, who runs The Bowery at 101 Silver St. for his mother, Mrs. Verna Carl, the licensee, made the allegation Thursday in announcing that a West Allis lawyer will represent him and his mother in an attempt to have a circuit judge order a grand jury to investigate alleged "syndicate" operation.

Carl contends that events which led to the license revocation were pre-arranged by the so-called "syndicate."

### 'THERE'S NO SYNDICATE'

Mayor Peter DeRubeis declared Friday:

"Such an investigation is not warranted—I can guarantee you that. There's no syndicate. The city's reputation isn't that bad."

Leo Negrini, who has been police chief the last 4½ years, said talk about a syndicate is "a laugh, a big joke."

He declared:

"There never was and never will be a syndicate. Ask the FBI men that have been up here. They'll tell you. I've done everything in my power to keep tavernkeepers operating 100 per cent straight."

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#### SERVED JAIL TERM

Negrini said Carli served 60 days in jail in 1953 on an assault charge. The police chief said he was assaulted when he came into Carli's place to pick up a March of Dimes canister.

Meanwhile, Atty. Robert J. Beaudry said in West Allis he will go to Ashland Wednesday to ask Circuit Judge Lewis J. Charles to impanel a grand jury and to present "evidence" that a "syndicate" is operating.

The Bowery reopened its doors Thursday night several hours after the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued an order staying the effectiveness of Circuit

Judge Charles' order upholding the license revocation.

#### REVOKED BY COUNCIL

The Hurley City Council revoked the license Dec. 31, 1954, on grounds The Bowery was a disorderly place because of a fight that occurred there Dec. 17. Beaudry obtained a restraining order from Judge Charles holding up the revocation until an appeal was heard in Circuit Court.

Judge Charles heard the appeal on Jan. 11, upheld the council's action and withdrew the restraining order. The Bowery closed that night.

Beaudry took Mrs. Carli's appeal, based on the claim that the revocation was unjustified and deprived her of a means of living to the State Supreme Court. Thursday it granted Mrs. Carli permission to operate the night club until the tribunal decides the appeal, which has been scheduled for arguments in March.

#### AWAIT ASSAULT TRIAL

John Carli and his uncle, Alfred Carli, are awaiting Circuit Court trial in May on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. The charges grew out of the Dec. 17 fight in which John Garber, manager of King's Gateway resort at Land O' Lakes, allegedly was beaten and had part of his right ear bitten off.

A similar charge against Edward Harris, an employee of The Bowery, was dismissed after Harris turned state's evidence at a preliminary hearing. Harris has left the state.

# 'Big Fix or Joke?' Charges Jolt Hurley

Mayor, Police Chief Deny Bar Man's  
Accusation in License Revocation

By Sentinel Staff Writer

HURLEY, Wis., Jan. 29—Silver Street, Hurley's famed "avenue of joints," was swept almost clean Saturday afternoon by below zero temperatures, but inside taverns, stores and barber shops, people wondered if the latest squabble in this unique city was really "a big fix" or a "big joke."

It was John Carli, operator of The Bowery, who thrust into the news again the name of this community which has never lost its reputation as a "Sin City." Carli charged earlier this week that events which led to the revocation of the tavern license held by his mother, Mrs. Verna Carli, were "a conspiracy on the part of a syndicate."

## REOPENS UNDER DECREE

Carli opened his place Friday night for the first time since Jan. 11, after a restraining order was issued by the State Supreme Court. The order temporarily halted enforcement of the license revocation by the Hurley City Council until an appeal is heard.

In his tavern Saturday, Carli charged both Mayor Peter DeRubeis and Police Chief Leo Negrini with "malfeasance in office," and challenged both officials "to take a lie detector test before a grand jury."

Carli will attempt Wednesday to have Circuit Judge Louis J. Charles of Ashland call a grand jury to investigate alleged operations of a "syndicate."

DeRubeis and Negrini both accepted the challenge. They said Carli's place was finally ordered closed "because he played too rough." They insisted that the

citizens were "mad" after a fight Dec. 17 in Carli's place and "demanded the place close." John Garber, manager of King's Gateway resort at Land o' Lakes, was severely beaten in that fight.

Chief Negrini referred to Carli's charges as "a big joke," adding that Carli had "a long record of fights behind him."

Mayor DeRubeis was fuming, however. He insisted his reputation and that of the city council "have been smeared."

"Nobody can say I play favorites here. I treat all places alike. I can't be bribed," said DeRubeis.

This remark was an answer to Carli's assertion Saturday that "police had orders to close my place at 1 o'clock, and allow the other places to stay open."

## GAVE NO NAMES

Carli did not name the members of the so-called syndicate.

Some observers here said Carli had in mind men who were among the most influential on Silver Street, and "control seven of the joints," but evidences of a "syndicate" are not seen or known.

What is believed is that Carli indeed played too rough in the past, even for lurid Silver Street. Fights have occurred at other places, but were broken up before they went too far, or were hushed up so as not to scare tourists away from the street.

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# Hurley Probe Plea Dropped

## Carli Won't Demand Official Investigation of 'Syndicate'

Journal Special Correspondence

**Hurley, Wis.** — The much publicized plan to ask for a grand jury investigation of an alleged syndicate controlling Hurley's famed Silver st. taverns fizzled Wednesday.

John Carli, operator of the Bowery tavern here, and the man who last Friday said that he would ask for the probe, said:

"I wish to state publicly that I have decided against asking for a grand jury investigation of conditions in Hurley and of malfeasance in office by Hurley and (Iron) county officials.

### Petitions Not Sent

"This is not a retraction of statements and charges that I have made. It is not an admission of defeat. I still feel that there is a need for a grand jury investigation but to catch a handful of culprits I would have to hurt a lot of innocent people."

It was reported that Carli late Tuesday had sent four petitions asking for an investigation. Carli denied this Wednesday.

The petitions, however, were drawn up and were addressed and stamped for special delivery late Tuesday. Carli then changed his mind. The petitions were to have been sent to Federal Judge Patrick Stone, Wausau; Circuit Judge Lewis Charles, Ashland; Gov. Kohler and Atty. Gen. Thomson.

Carli was in Milwaukee and Madison on Tuesday, talking with state and federal authorities.

### "Hindered Investigations"

"I'll leave it up to state and federal officials. They understand this thing better than I do," Carli said.

Carli said that he felt that his

actions calling for a probe had hindered investigations already under way by authorities.

Carli has had trouble with Hurley city officials since a December brawl in the tavern operated by him and his brother. John Garber, manager of King's Gateway resort hotel at Land o' Lakes, was reported to have had a piece of his ear chewed off in the fight.

The Hurley city council revoked the Bowery's license. Judge Charles upheld the revocation. Then Carli took the case to the state supreme court which allowed him to operate until a final decision was made. He charged that the "syndicate" forced him to close.

[Earlier Wednesday, Atty. Robert J. Beaudry of West Allis, Carli's lawyer, was asked about the four petitions. Originally, it was the plan of Carli and Beaudry to petition Circuit Judge Charles for a grand jury investigation.

[Asked why there was a

change to four petitions, Beaudry said: "There is a federal question of interstate transportation of women. . . . There is common and open knowledge of prostitution there. . . . Any investigation, to be successful, will have to have the co-operation of the governor and the attorney general."]

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Reurlet to Bureau, 1/13/55.

Relet set forth "Ren Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, Prescott, 1279". There is no Ren Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, and it is believed that this was meant to be the Rex Hotel, Prescott, Arizona, which was closed in 1951.

R. S. WINDOM set forth in relet is REX S. WINDOM, cattle buyer, 9012 North 14th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, current telephone Windsor 3-4217.

WINDOM denied knowing CHESTER BARNETT or associates mentioned in relet and was at loss to understand how BARNETT came into possession of his name or address. WINDOM said that it was possible he may have met BARNETT through golfing circles.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation will be conducted by the Phoenix Division. RUC.

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

DATE: February 10, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (31-3597)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reurlet to Chicago dated December 8, 1954.

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SA [redacted]On January 18, [redacted] of the [redacted]  
[redacted] at [redacted] Indiana, gave the following in-  
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Records of the Gary Credit Bureau show PETE PIAZZA has record since 1945, was married to a JOSEPHINE and divorced and was married to an ANICE and divorced from her. ANICE is employed at the Lake County Assessor's Office. Several gambling arrests were noted in clippings from newspaper in file.

The credit records show RALPH, fireman, and ROSE PIAZZA living at 451 Fillmore Street, Gary, also. JOSEPH and BESSIE PIZZA reside at 458 West 4th and he is a driver for Owens Auto Supply Company.

Officer ROBERT KNAPP, Gary Police, advised that PETE, JOSEPH, RALPH and SAM are all PIAZZA brothers and that RALPH lives at the Fillmore address which is the old family building. RALPH and SAM are firemen and JOE drives a truck.

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[redacted] said that he is [redacted] with the [redacted] family and that [redacted] is still living at [redacted] as is [redacted] and his wife. [redacted] and he has been [redacted] Owens Auto Supply in Gary for a long time. No ANN is known to [redacted] The above persons are reputable persons. b6 b7C

At the Police Department, the only record of a ROBERT GRAY was a record indicating he made application for taxi driver in 1946, at which time he was 26. Detectives [redacted] has no knowledge of [redacted] GRAY. Sgt. [redacted] had no knowledge of ROBERT GRAY.

PCI [redacted] advised on February 2, 1955, that he is acquainted with [redacted] who he believes used to [redacted] He is a bartender and has worked in places in the 900 block both on Broadway and Washington Streets. He is supposedly [redacted] who is a tall, thin, brunette. Whether or not, [redacted] is a prostitute, the PCI did not know, but had no knowledge that she is. b6 b7C b7D

PCI [redacted] said that he has known [redacted] for a long time and that he has always been working [redacted] at various locations, particularly around [redacted] in the 900 block. At the present time, he is [redacted] at the 950 Club, 950 Washington Street, [redacted] He is not known to the PCI as a pimp and the fact that he might be [redacted] was unknown to the PCI. The PCI said that he knew [redacted] by that name and her general description, believed her to be a prostitute, but had no positive evidence of such. b6 b7C

At Hammond, Indiana, SA [redacted] conducted the following investigation.

The [redacted] show that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] The Hammond Credit Bureau shows  
that he has had a credit record since 1952, is 38, has [redacted]  
[redacted] and has worked as a [redacted] at the DuPont Company  
since [redacted]

No record of RASTOVSKY was found at the Hammond  
Police Department and Lt. CLARENCE COVAULT had no knowledge  
of him. RUC



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: February 16, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

The "Milwaukee Sentinel," Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1955, carried an article under the caption "Officials Rip Vice Charge At Hurley." A subheading indicated that the officials denied "syndicate" was running the town. The article points out that Leo Negrini, Chief of Police, at Hurley, Wisconsin, said that talk about the syndicate is a laugh and a big joke. He declared, "there never was and never will be a syndicate. Ask the FBI men that have been up here. They'll tell you. I've done everything in my power to keep tavernkeepers operating 100 per cent straight."

The above is called to your attention in order that you can alert your Agents working in the area of Hurley, Wisconsin, about the local charges being made between the operators of taverns and the current Mayor and Chief of Police at Hurley, Wisconsin. The Agents should be advised that they are in no way to become involved in this situation and that they should be alert to any information which would indicate that Agents may be subpoenaed before the local Grand Jury to testify about conditions at Hurley, Wisconsin. If any information is received indicating that Agents may be subpoenaed, immediate advice should be furnished to the Bureau and the United States Attorney, and efforts made to have the subpoenas not issued, or if issued, quashed.

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Reference is made to Milwaukee letter dated January 14, 1955 reflecting the prosecutive action to date on WSTA cases opened during the course of the WSTA Survey at Hurley, Wisconsin. Referenced letter reflects that to date only one case, that involving RICHARD MATTRELLA and JOHN GASBARRI, which is Milwaukee file 31, 1915, has been readied for Grand Jury action. Other cases which were opened during the period of the survey at Hurley, Wisconsin, were set out in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated December 7, 1954. These cases are presently being individually investigated and the Bureau will be advised in each individual case as to future prosecutive action.

Inasmuch as all investigation relative to the WSTA Survey at Hurley, Wisconsin in itself has been completed and in the future all information relative to pimps and prostitutes operating in the Hurley, Wisconsin area will be reported in individual case files, the WSTA Survey file in the Milwaukee Office is being closed.

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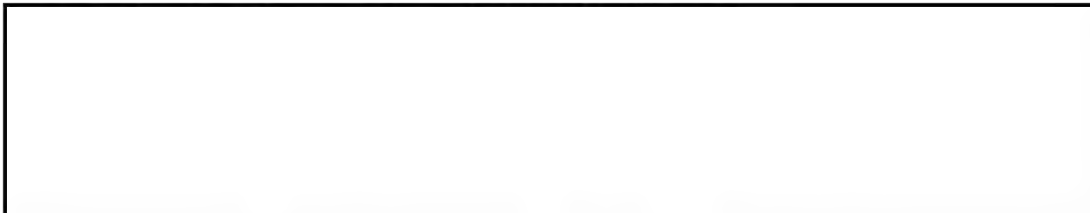
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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)  
 FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (31-2730)  
 SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
 HURLEY, WISCONSIN.

DATE: 2-24-55

Re Milwaukee letter dated December 8, 1954.



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Miss SHIRLEY HEWITT, secretary, Credit Bureau of Greater Peoria, advised on January 24, 1955 that her files indicate that WILLIAM S. CHAPMAN of 657 Moss Avenue, operated the Faust Night Club and the Flame Pool Room, both located at 101 First Avenue, Peoria. She said he generally maintained a satisfactory credit rating. HEWITT further advised that her files contain no record of DIANE ANDREWS.

On February 3, 1955, Lieutenant GEORGE JOHNSON (NA), Records and Identification Division, Peoria Police Department, advised that WILLIAM S. CHAPMAN, also known to him as "PAT" CHAPMAN had the following criminal record at the Police Department:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
8-15-48	Assault and Battery	Dismissed
2-21-52	Keeper of gambling game	Fined \$30.50.

JOHNSON related that the Faust Club was a night club employing strippers and bar girls. He informed that CHAPMAN has operated taverns in Peoria for the past 15 years and that never to his knowledge has CHAPMAN engaged in any prostitution activities, although some of the notorious pimps and prostitutes in the Peoria area frequent his night club. He said CHAPMAN was more interested in gambling activities than prostitution. JOHNSON described CHAPMAN as a white, male, born 3-17-14, 5'9", 190 lbs., gray hair. With regard to DIANE ANDREWS, JOHNSON advised that his department has no record of her.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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ROY BROWN, manager of the Credit Bureau of Bloomington, Illinois, produced records of [redacted] whom he was requested to do a credit report on by the Kankakee Credit Bureau on July 12, 1948. He advised that [redacted] at that time, was listed as residing at [redacted] Illinois and her occupation was furnished as a dice girl. He advised that she formerly resided at [redacted] Illinois and gave JERRY PRESS, a former tavern owner in Bloomington, Illinois, as a reference. However, PRESS no longer resides in Bloomington, Illinois. At the time he was contacted by the Credit Bureau he advised that [redacted] was a patron and he knew nothing else about her. Mr. BROWN advised that PRESS operated a low class tavern in Bloomington, Illinois.

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Mr. BROWN advised that inquiry at the Woolworth's 5 & 10 Cent Store in Bloomington, Illinois, reflected that [redacted] had been employed in November, 1946 to September, 1947, and her record reflected that she did not associate with the right type of people and kept late hours, and therefore was discharged in September of 1947.

A newspaper clipping from the Panagraph Newspaper, Bloomington, Illinois, dated June 21, 1950, reflected that DIANA JOAN ANDREWS of St. Paul, Minnesota and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER ANDREWS, 838 West Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois, married JOHN LEONARD CALIFANS of St. Paul, Minnesota and would reside at 362 Pleasant Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. It further reflected that JOHN CALIFANS was the son of JOHN M. CALIFANS of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. BROWN advised that CHESTER CHARLES ANDREWS, who resides at 838 West Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois, is employed as a draftsman of the Signal Department of the GM & O Railroad, Bloomington, Illinois and had been employed for such in 18 years in 1954. He moved to Bloomington, Illinois in June of 1936 from Chicago, Illinois, his wife's name is JANE ANDREWS and is employed as a secretary of the Eagles Lodge at Bloomington, Illinois.

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EUNICE HENDYX, secretary, to the superintendent of schools, Bloomington, Illinois, advised that [redacted] was born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and she transferred to the Bloomington schools from Chicago Illinois schools in September, 1936, and graduated from the 8th grade at Bloomington, Illinois on [redacted]

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A pretext telephone call was made to Bloomington 27295, the residence of [redacted] and it was determined that [redacted] is presently residing with her parents in Bloomington, Illinois.

PCI's [redacted] of Bloomington, Illinois both advised that [redacted] is unknown to them.

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A photograph of [redacted] and her husband was copied from the newspaper clipping from the Panagraph Newspaper and is being retained in the Springfield file.

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## Study Police, Fire Commission Plan for City

A request that the Hurley city police and fire departments be placed under the jurisdiction of a police and fire commission and taken "out of politics," was made by Urbano Baldovin, sixth ward alderman-supervisor. The action came at the January meeting of the Hurley city council on Tuesday night. Baldovin told the council and the mayor that such a suggestion had been made at a special meeting of the council on Dec. 24. At that meeting Mayor Peter J. DeRubeis said he would have "no objection to it."

The mayor and the council, along with Baldovin agreed on Tuesday night that the matter should be referred to a committee to be named by the mayor, who will make a study of the proposal.

City Attorney Alex Raineri told the council that they could by ordinance effect such a setup. He explained the plan, saying it would require a group of five citizens, citing the makeup of the body and its powers. The police and fire department members would be named through civil service methods, with the power of appointment in the hands of the commission.

Baldovin asked the mayor if he would entertain a motion to draw up such an ordinance. The mayor said he thought the council should consider all aspects of the plan and that action should not be hasty. Several aldermen joined him in this sentiment.

It was mentioned that the city had a similar plan some years ago. It was explained that a commission comprised of aldermen was given some powers under the administration of Dr. M. Bonacci, but that the plan in effect then was not a genuine commission setup comprised of citizens outside the council.

The demand for a commission came at a meeting where the council was considering the revocation of a ~~tavern~~ license.

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## Charles Upholds City; Supreme Court Next

The revocation of the tavern license for the Bowery tavern here was still being kicked around this week, although the action of the city was sustained by Judge Lewis J. Charles in circuit court here on Tuesday. Judge Charles ruled that there was no merit to the objections put by the attorney for Mrs. Verna Carli, who holds the license for the Bowery.

On Wednesday, City Attorney Alex Raineri received a telegram dispatched from Ironwood by Robert J. Beaudry, representing Mrs. Carli and John Carli, advising that an appeal will be made before the Wisconsin supreme court. The telegram advised that appearance in Madison would be made at 1 o'clock on Wednesday. It is known that Beaudry and John Carli left Ironwood by plane on Tuesday afternoon.

### LATEST

The Wisconsin supreme court has asked to see the record on the revocation proceedings. The records will be certified and sent to the supreme court by Fred J. Ebli, clerk of circuit court. It is known that Attorney Robert J. Beaudry appeared before the supreme court and told his side of the story. However, city officials have not been officially advised of any action to entertain the request made by Attorney Beaudry.

City officials, too, have been in contact with state officials relative to the appearance of Beaudry in Madison.

City Attorney Raineri expressed the opinion that the request being made by Beaudry and the Carlis to the supreme court is "probably unprecedented." He said that state attorneys have a similar opinion.

Judge Charles in ruling on the writ of certiorari filed by Mrs. Carli stated that the council had acted within the law in the license revocation proceedings. He said that he could only rule that all the legal requirements had been met and said that perhaps the city might have presented more than one violation, but that the evidence presented was adequate.

After the judge gave his decision, Attorney Beaudry asked that Mrs. Carli be given permission to continue to operate the tavern under bond, pending an appeal to the state supreme court. The judge denied the request.

Up until Wednesday the tavern license had not been surrendered to the city. However, the tavern was closed and the liquor had been removed. The Milwaukee attorney is reported to have said that in the event his request is denied by the supreme court he would turn over the license to City Attorney Raineri. However, the Milwaukee attorney has made threats involving action against other Hurley taverns, the city of Hurley and Hurley and Iron county officials.

In the writ of certiorari Mrs. Carli had contended that the council had acted arbitrarily and without justifiable cause, reason or excuse, and that the complaint failed to state and

specify within a reasonable degree of certainty, the crime and crimes on which the revocation was based.

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**MATRELLA TRIAL IS  
SET FOR JANUARY 26**

Trial of a former Hurley tavern-keeper, charged with violating the Mann act, will be Jan. 26 without a jury in federal court, it has been announced by U. S. Attorney Geo. Rapp at Madison.

William Matrella will have his case heard by Judge Patrick Stone. Matrella was indicted by a grand jury last fall on two counts of transporting women between states for immoral purposes. He pleaded innocent of the charge.

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## Supreme Court To Hear Carli Case Wednesday

The Wisconsin supreme court has agreed to order a hearing on the revocation action of the Hurley city council, when a permit issued to Mrs. Verna Carli for the Bowery tavern was revoked on Dec. 31. It has been reported that the court has set the hearing for Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Robert Beaudry, Milwaukee attorney, retained by the Carlis, appeared before the supreme court and asked for a stay of execution of a circuit court order upholding the city council's action. The court asked for the records and after reviewing them ordered the hearing. The circuit court action was heard by Judge Lewis A. Charles on a writ of certiorari.

The action before the supreme court asks that the circuit court's approval of the council's revocation be stayed, pending further effort to appeal loss of the license.

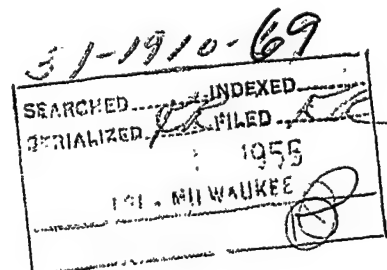
### City to Be Represented

At a special meeting on Friday evening, the council authorized City Attorney Alex Raineri and Mayor Peter J. DeRubeis to represent the city and take whatever action is necessary in the case.

The council also voted to reimburse Mayor DeRubeis and Raineri for their expenses at Madison and to pay Raineri the "usual fee for that type of work."

Raineri informed the council that a notice had been served on him that Mrs. Verna Carli, licensee of the Bowery, 101-103 Silver street, has filed an appeal to the supreme court from the Iron county circuit court's order quashing a writ of certiorari. He said Mrs. Carli has posted a \$250 bond.

He told the aldermen that they should authorize the city attorney and anyone else it wished to defend the action in the event the supreme court agrees to consider the appeal. He also noted that appearing before the supreme court would be out of the line of his regular duties as city attorney and asked that he be paid for the extra work.



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# Threat of Grand Jury Probe Made in Revocation Hearing

The Wisconsin supreme court has taken under advisement the request of Mrs. Verna Carli, licensee of the Bowery tavern here, that it block the city's revocation of her license. The Hurley woman through her attorney, asked the supreme court at a hearing on Wednesday to issue an injunction to stop the revocation of the permit. The attorney claimed that the city did not have sufficient reason to revoke on the basis of one isolated fight in the tavern.

Mrs. Carli and her son, John, who is known as the manager and/or operator of the Bowery, were both in Madison. John Carli talked to reporters there and said that he would confer with his attorney over the possibility of filing a circuit court petition for a grand jury investigation of Hurley.

## Grand Jury Threat

Carli has made the same statement to persons in Hurley. Attorney Beudry has already said to Hurley people that in the event that the supreme court does not find in his favor that he has "15 complaints against other Hurley taverns" which he will present to the city council for revocation proceedings. In fact, he even named some of the taverns to a Hurley person. The attorney added at that time that if the council will not revoke these 15 licenses that he will ask for a grand jury investigation).

The Wisconsin supreme court said it would study some of its previous decisions involving tavern licenses before acting on a Hurley revocation case.

## LATER!

The latest report from Madison received at noon on Thursday is that the Supreme Court issued the following order:

It is ordered and directed that the proceedings of the Common Council and the execution of the judgment of the Circuit Court be stayed until further order of this Court and pending the disposition of this appeal. Petitioner, Mrs. Carli, be and she is permitted to re-open and conduct her business according with the terms and provisions of the license heretofore granted her.

The court said justices wanted to look into a number of former decisions cited by Beaudry, before determining whether it will act on the case.

Beaudry cited the former decisions in support of his request to the high court for a show cause order why the city of Hurley should not be restrained from revoking a license issued to Mrs. Carli.

Beaudry, on behalf of Mrs. Carli, appealed to the supreme court for relief after the city council revoked her license last Dec. 31. The council's action was upheld by Circuit Judge Lewis J. Charles in Iron county. The license would have run until next May and Mrs. Carli, a widow, maintains she was unjustly deprived of her means of earning a living.

(At the revocation hearing there was some doubt expressed over whether Mrs. Carli had anything at all to do with the Bowery tavern and witnesses were called by the city to disprove the claim that she operated the place. An admission that John Carli was the "manager" was made later by Attorney Beaudry).

The council contends it was justified in revoking the license because of a fight that allegedly took place in the tavern last Dec. 17.

## Cites Previous Decisions

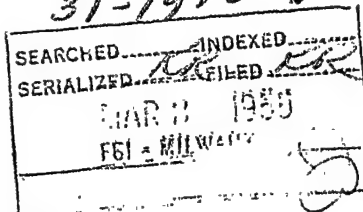
In his plea to the supreme court, Beaudry cited what he asserted were previous decisions applicable in his case.

The court said it would study the cited cases before announcing whether it will hear the case further or decline to assume jurisdiction.

City Attorney Alex J. Raineri represented the city before the supreme court in opposing the show cause order.

Beaudry told the high court that findings in the case did not support the council's complaint that Mrs. Carli approved the alleged fight.

Raineri countered the fight as not an isolated one and that mayhem was involved.



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## Garber Sues Carli for \$161,000

A \$161,000 suit has been filed in Iron county circuit court by John Garber, Land o' Lakes resort operator, against John Carli, operator of the Bowery tavern in Hurley. Garber is claiming that his ear was chewed off in a fight at the Bowery tavern on Dec. 17. The civil suit seeks for Garber \$111,000 for general and special damages and \$50,000 in punitive damages.

The operator of the Gateway Hotel claims that Carli, "brutally struck and beat him" while others held Garber down. It is charged that Carli did "bite and chew off" Garber's ear as well as inflict other severe personal injuries. Garber said he suffered severe mental pain and anguish and great indignities and humiliation and will be permanently disfigured.

The Hurley tavern operator also faces charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm as the result of the fight. That case may come up in circuit court in May. He is at liberty on a \$500 bail bond. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was bound over to circuit court.

As the result of the alleged fray the license of the Bowery was revoked by the council. The revocation was appealed right down to the supreme court, who will hear the case on March 11. In the meantime the Bowery has reopened on a permit from the supreme court.

City Attorney Alex Raineri reported to the council on Tuesday night that the court has set the date for the hearing. It is expected that the supreme court will decide if there was sufficient cause for revocation in the fight cited in the complaint.

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# Grand Jury Threat Is Ended

## Carli Says That Innocent People Would Be Hurt

The threat of a grand jury investigation of Hurley ended on Tuesday night when John Carli, Hurley tavern operator, announced that he would not prosecute the request for this action. He issued a statement at that time to the Iron County Miner, in which he said that he had decided against it and would leave the matter of law enforcement to state and federal officials, whom he said were apprised of "what is going on in Hurley."

Hence, the much-publicized threat of a grand jury investigation in Hurley fell flat. Originally, John Carli had intended to ask Judge Lewis J. Charles in circuit court at Ashland to impanel a grand jury on Wednesday of this week. This announcement was made in Milwaukee and later in Hurley. However, a plan of action affected on Tuesday was to send petitions to four federal and state officials, namely Federal Judge Patrick Stone, Judge Charles, Attorney General Thomson and Gov. Kohler.

These petitions were prepared, sealed and ready to mail when Carli had a change of heart. They were to be mailed on Tuesday afternoon. However, Carli never did mail them.

There is a report that Mayor Peter DeRubeis may start a suit against the Milwaukee Sentinel, who first broke the story of a "syndicate" operating in Hurley. It is known that the Hurley mayor has conferred with Attorney Len Schmidt of Merrill over the matter. Mayor DeRubeis is provoked over the statement made in the Sentinel, attributed to John Carli, that "the revocation of the Bowery license was a conspiracy on the part of the syndicate because we wouldn't join." He said that it is a reflection against him and the council, that it is untrue and libelous.

had decided against asking for a grand jury investigation of conditions in Hurley and of malfeasance in office by Hurley and county officials. This is not a retraction of statements and charges that I have made. It is not an admission of defeat. I still feel that there is the need for a grand jury investigation in Hurley. It is not a 'big joke' as some people have claimed.

Because, to catch a handful of culprits I would have to hurt a lot of innocent people, I have decided against asking for the grand jury investigation of syndicate operations in Hurley.

I have conferred with state and federal officials and they have a knowledge of what goes on in Hurley. After talking with them, I am sure that they will take proper law enforcement action. I had made all the plans to ask for the grand jury investigations. All the papers had been drawn up. In the publicity over my contemplated action the people of the state and of Hurley have been made aware of some of the things that have been going on here and there is no doubt that some of them will be corrected because of it.

in the petitions Carli charged that there are "syndicate" operations in Hurley, he made claims of unlawful conditions, and in the petitions he also cited malfeasance in office by city of Hurley and Iron county officials. He said that the reason he sent a petition to Federal Judge Stone is because "there are certain conditions in Hurley requiring the attention of the federal government." He added that he was referring to prostitution.

In his statement announcing his "change of heart," Carli said: "Because, to catch a handful of culprits I would have to hurt a lot of innocent people, I have decided against asking for a grand jury investigation of syndicate operations in Hurley." He said that he still felt there was a need for the investigation and that all the charges he made still hold. He admitted that he has been approached by many Hurley people, principally businessmen, that he drop the charges.

Mayor Peter J. DeRubeis said on Wednesday that he was "never afraid" of a grand jury investigation. "I was so sick and tired of hearing charges and claims that I almost welcomed the grand jury investigation. It would have been good to clear the air once and for all."

## Federal Action Hinted

Carli said that his actions calling for a probe had hindered investigations already underway by authorities. He added, "I will leave it up to state and federal officials. They understand this thing better than I do."

The events that led up to the request for a grand jury investigation of Hurley are well-known on a state-wide basis. After an alleged brawl in the Bowery tavern, which Carli operates, the license held by his mother, Mrs. Verna Carli, was revoked by the council. The validity of this action will be considered by the Wisconsin supreme court in March. In the meantime, the Bowery has reopened on a "permit" from the supreme court. John Carli is at liberty on a bail bond of \$500 on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm on John Garber of Land o'Lakes, Wis. The case is scheduled for the May term of circuit court.

Carli has told some of his friends in Hurley that he wants to sell his tavern and get out of Hurley. He has stated that he has had offers, but the license revocation has hampered the efforts to sell.

## Statement Given To Miner Editor

The grand jury investigation request ended on Tuesday afternoon when Carli sought the editor of The Miner and submitted to him a prepared statement acknowledging that he was dropping the action. The entire statement follows:

I wish to state publicly that I

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# 'STREET' PLAYS IT SAFE IN HURLEY NOW

## Probe Threat Brings 1 A. M. Closing

By Sentinel Staff Writer

HURLEY, Jan. 30—Silver St., the state's heaviest concentration of tawdry night life, failed to live up to its reputation over the week end.

Sure, the ramshackle joints were open, their false fronts glowing warmly in neon against the winter's cold. B-girls were around, sidling up to you at the bar—and you can carry the ball from there.

But with the exception of two places, the sidewalks of Hurley's "rotten row" rolled up sharply at 1 a. m. Sunday. Surely the northwoods lumberjack, who sowed his wild oats on Silver St. in its heyday, would have had some choice comments at the site.

### FEAR OF UNKNOWN

A cloud of uncertainty now hovers over Silver St. There's fear of the unknown. Never before has the street faced the possibility of a grand jury investigation—a threat posed by John Carli, operator of the Bowery. Carli claims he has been discriminated against by the Silver St. "syndicate" and he will petition Wednesday for a grand jury at Ashland.

Carli contends there is a "conspiracy on the part of the syndicate" which resulted in the revocation of the license for The Bowery, which is held by his mother, Mrs. Verna Carli. The Carli place was closed following a fight in the tavern on Dec. 17 in which John Garber, manager of King's Gateway Resort at Land o' Lakes was severely beaten. A Supreme Court order has temporarily halted enforcement of the revocation.

Until the grand jury cloud passes, Silver St. is "playing it safe." Most people admit that a one o'clock closing is not customary and say the bars normally will stay open as long as the customers can navigate into the door to door spots.

### BOOZE AND WOMEN

What does Silver St. offer today and who buys it?

Booze and women are its stock in trade, just as it was 60 years ago when Silver St. served an estimated 2,000 lumberjacks. But marketing is more discreet, and the clientele is a new breed of pleasure seekers.

Outside of tourists, who take in Silver St. for vicarious thrills and some miners, Hurley caters to "the man away from home and out for a fling."

Business and professional  
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# Hurley's Naughty Lady Of 'Shady Lane' Wary

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men, hunters and fishermen comprise this group.

For these men, the B-girls will at least offer companionship at the bar for a drink. The price for her drinks, a mixture of vermouth and soda that only looks potent, ranges up to \$1.20. Champagne can be had for \$25 a bottle.

### THEY'RE NOT SHOCKED

Silver St. sees nothing wrong in such tactics so long as the "suckers" come around. One such "sucker"—they still talk about it—dropped a roll estimated at \$1,500 in one night a few weeks back with the help of two girls.

Prostitution requires more adroit handling. At present there are an estimated eight to 10 "house" here. The prostitutes can be either B-girls or entertainers—"strippers" who ply both trades.

Houses are moved about easily as there is a surplus of empty buildings in town. Often two or three joints work their girls in the same place by mutual agreement. Only last month, three operators were convicted on four charges of running houses.

Gambling, once Hurley's biggest source of income is practically non-existent. A crap table makes a one night stand occasionally and a few poker games are once in a while. Silver St. particularly was cautious during the past deer season for fear state men would stage a raid during this lucrative period. It is said "an order went down the street" to outlaw gambling for hunters.

### 68 TAVERNS

At present Hurley has about 68 taverns, one for every 50 residents. The city council issues licenses regularly as the city nets \$400 of the \$465 license fee.

A council does not hesitate to issue licenses to violators to open another joint—a simple matter since there is safe surplus of a dozen or so licenses. Last summer one operator got another license in spite of 17 violations charged to him.

Last year, afraid that the state might act against repeat violators, the council began issuing licenses to people who actually did not operate the place for which the license was issued. This proxy ownership

of licenses allowed a small group of tavernmen to operate several places. It is this group which Carli has branded the "syndicate."

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Probe Requested**

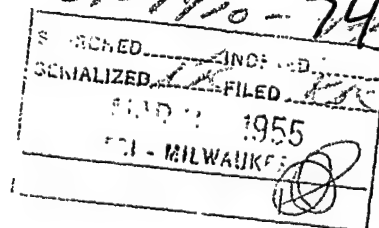
**Mrs. Carli's Lawyer  
Will File a Petition**

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A grand jury investigation of alleged "syndicate" operations in Hurley, Wis., will be asked next week, a Milwaukee attorney said today.

Atty. Robert J. Beaudry said he will file the petition in Circuit Court next Wednesday on behalf of Mrs. Verna Carli, 52, licensee of a tavern at Hurley operated by her son, John.

Mrs. Carli's license was revoked Dec. 31 by the Hurley City Council after a fight in the night spot. On an appeal to the State Supreme Court, the court ruled she can continue to operate until a decision is reached.

At Hurley, Dist. Atty. George Sullivan said he knew of no syndicate, but that he would "most certainly welcome a grand jury if there is any need for one."



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**Sheriff Raids  
Hurley Spots**

**District Attorney Joins  
in Local Crackdown  
on Closing Time**

Journal Special Correspondence  
Hurley, Wis.—Iron county officials early Sunday clamped down on Hurley taverns staying open after hours. Observers said it was the first time in years that the district attorney and sheriff had gone out on a crackdown drive together.

After closing time Sunday morning, Dist. Atty. George Sullivan and Sheriff Eino Nevala swept down Silver st., closing every establishment that remained open. Warrants charging being open after hours were issued against 10 Hurley tavern keepers and one at near-by Pence.

When some tavern keepers argued that they were operating eating places, Sullivan told them they would have to close unless they showed that 51% of their business was in food.

The county action followed six separate after hours arrests in the last week by Hurley city police. Sunday night, Hurley police checked taverns again and arrested two women for vagrancy. County Judge R. C. Trembath ordered the women to leave town by 6 p.m. Monday.

Of the 11 tavern keepers handed warrants by the county officials, the following appeared in court Monday and were fined after pleading guilty:

John Kallasardo, Bandbox tavern, \$40; James Quigley, Miniature House, \$25; Adele Petri, Flame bar, \$40; Jack Gasbarri, Club Carnival, \$40; Della Pappas, Club Francis, \$40; John W. Carli, Hi Hat tavern, \$25; Robert Mezzano, Bob's bar, Pence; and S. A. Moricaetti, Connie's Drumstick, \$40.

The Carli listed above is not the same John Carli who last month asked for a grand jury investigations of a Hurley "syndicate."

Previous violations determined the size of the fines.

John Rajkovich pleaded not guilty and Judge Trembath set trial for Feb. 28.

Blanche Lawless of the Congress bar and Fred Frontecchio of the Club Fiesta also were served warrants.

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## Sale of Bowery Tavern Revealed

A quit claim deed recorded in the Iron County Register of Deeds office in Hurley shows the transfer of the property housing the Bowery tavern from John S. Carli and Irene Carli, his wife, to Dorothy Jean Smith.

There has been some talk of the sale of the property by Carli, who had been purchasing it, as shown in the deed, on a land contract from the Mark interests, specifically Fannie and Lloyd Mark. The previous land contract was dated June 15, 1954.

The description of the property is Lot one (1), Block Seven (7), original plat, city of Hurley. The deed was filed on Monday, Feb. 14.

Dorothy Jean Smith gives her address as Mercer. No application for a new tavern license had been made at the city hall up to Thursday morning.

The present license for the Bowery is now in litigation. It was revoked by the Hurley council and the validity of the action will be tested in the Wisconsin Supreme court on March 11.

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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY  
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Re Chicago letter to Director, 1/13/55, page  
3 listing alleged vice connections in the Buffalo Division.

ANNA, Corning, N.Y., is believed identical with the  
late ANN CALMIERI, alias Ann Pedro. CALMIERI operated a  
house in Corning, N.Y., over twenty years until 1952 when  
she was forced to close due to ill health. She has since  
died and there is no house in operation in Corning at this  
time.

HELEN, Niagara St., Lockport, N.Y., is believed  
identical with HELEN MARTIN, wa., Helen LaGala, a known  
madam, last known to reside at 235 Genesee St., Buffalo, N.Y.  
MARTIN operated a house at 1 Michigan Ave., Lockport, N.Y.,  
Lockport telephone number 1743, until this house was closed  
by Lockport Police, four years ago. She continues to operate  
a restaurant at this address with the hope of resuming  
operations when the local administration is changed. MARTIN  
lives with a well known gambler and pimp in Buffalo, one  
JAMES LaGALA, alias Jimmy Dale, who is on bail pending  
appeal of a jail sentence following a gambling conviction.

ANN CALMIERI and HELEN MARTIN were two of the most  
widely known madams in the Buffalo Division and their names  
and telephone numbers have been found in address books of  
prostitutes locally and elsewhere. . . . R U C.

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# Hurley Bar Permit Action Is Dismissed

MADISON, March 11.—(P)—An action against the City of Hurley over revocation of a tavern was dismissed Friday in the State Supreme Court.

Robert J. Beaudry of Milwaukee, lawyer for Mrs. Verna Carli, 52, whose license for The Bowery was revoked by the Hurley City Council, and Alex Raineri, Hurley city attorney, both asked the high court to dismiss the proceedings.

John Carli, son of Mrs. Carli, and who operated the tavern for his mother, said a foreclosure action had been brought against the building housing the tavern and that he is leaving Hurley.

Carli said it was impossible to meet payments on the property.

Raineri said the tavern license would revert back to the city for disposition.

The city revoked the Carli license last December because of an alleged fight in the tavern. The revocation was upheld in Circuit Court.

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## Supreme Court Upholds Action on Hurley Bar

The state Supreme Court Friday upheld the Hurley city council in revoking the liquor license of the Bowery, scene last Dec. 17 of a fight in which a patron lost an ear.

The high court Friday dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Verna Carli, the Bowery's licensee, for a reversal of a Circuit Court ruling which held that the council was within its rights in revoking the license.

At the same time, the court vacated a stay order under which the Bowery had continued to operate since Jan. 26.

The state Beverage and Cigaret Tax division said Friday afternoon that no action has been started so far toward padlocking the place, which has been in the news many times over the years for liquor law violations. Mrs. Carli was fined twice in 1954 for after-hours sales.

Mrs. Carli's son John, manager of the Bowery, is awaiting Circuit Court trial in May on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He is accused of hitting off the ear of John Garber, manager of King's Gateway lodge, in a barroom fight.

Carli has a record of three gambling convictions while working in other Hurley bars, and was arrested once in a vice raid on the White front, another Hurley bar and night club.

The Beverage Tax division has padlock actions against four other Hurley places pending now in Circuit Court, most of them prostitution convictions.

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# State Agents Raid Hurley

## 20 Charged With Vice Law Violations, Five on Other Counts

Journal Special Correspondence

Hurley, Wis.—Six tavern operators, 13 women and a bartender were arrested Saturday night when state beverage tax agents raided Hurley's Silver st.

The tavern operators were charged with operating houses of prostitution. Seven of the women were charged with soliciting for prostitution, and six women and one man with being inmates of houses of prostitution.

One of the owners, James Gasberri, was listed as proprietor of two bars and was charged twice.

Twenty agents of the state division of beverage and cigaret taxes were headed by A. T. Fadness of Madison. They arrived in Hurley about 11 p.m. at the height of activity in the taverns.

The raid was made on complaints signed by John Nixon, an investigator for the division, who had been in Hurley several days. The warrants were issued by Dist. Atty. George Sullivan of Iron county.

The 20 persons arrested, with the exception of one woman who slipped away, were taken to the Iron county jail and later released on bail. Sheriff Eino S. Nevala telephoned County Judge R. C. Trembath, who set bail at \$300 for those charged with being inmates and with soliciting, \$500 for the proprietors, and \$100 for the bartender.

All were scheduled to appear in county court Monday, the sheriff said.

Those arrested at the French Casino and the charges are: John Rajakovich, proprietor, charged with operating a house of prostitution; Joyce Tracy, soliciting; Ettica Tyler, inmate, who slipped away.

Taken into custody at Blackhawk bar were Gasberri, proprietor, operating a house of prostitution; Kay Martin, soliciting, and Andrew Hollappa, bartender,

who was listed on the warrant as an inmate.

Arrested at Frenchy's Holiday bar were Matt Bertolini, proprietor, operator of a house of prostitution; Marge Evans, soliciting, and Lois Gasberri, inmate.

Taken at the Hi-Ho were Joe Vita, proprietor, operating a house of prostitution; Susan N. Moore, soliciting; Jacqueline M. Cooke, inmate.

Those arrested at the Doll House were James Francis, proprietor, operating a house of prostitution; Barbara Strand, soliciting, and Lisa Riggs, inmate.

Seized at the Riverside were John Sauro, proprietor, operating a house of prostitution; Marjorie Swanson, soliciting.

Charged at the Jackpot Flame were Gasberri, proprietor, operating a house of prostitution; Adele Petrie, inmate; Martha Smith, soliciting; Rose Morris, inmate.

Early Monday morning, five other places were raided by the state agents. Warrants for being open after hours were issued against Jack Gasberri, Carnival bar; John Kalasardo, Bandbox tavern; Bernardino Fontecchio, Fiesta bar, and Serafina Morichetti, Connie's Drumstick bar. Adina Gasberri at the Red Feather bar was charged with having pinball gambling devices. They were to be arraigned Monday.

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Milwaukee 14, Wisconsin

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June 14, 1955

Mr. James Poster, Esq.  
 Special Agent in Charge of  
 The Milwaukee Office of the  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Room 735, U. S. Post Office Bldg.  
 Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

Re: State of Wisconsin ex rel, Sulo  
 Hellen

*John K. [unclear]*  
*87-1341*  
*31-1341*  
*31-1815*  
*Wausau 94's*  
*Refer to 31*  
*Refer to 94's*  
 Richard Mattrella, John Gasbarri,  
 John Kalasardo, James Gasbarri, and  
 James Quigley

Dear Sir:

The above named case is pending in the Circuit Court of Iron County, Wisconsin, and is an action under Section 280.09, Wisconsin Statutes, to abate the nuisances of lewdness, and/or assignation, and prostitution in five taverns in the City of Hurley, Wisconsin, to-wit:

Club Carnival  
 Club Band Box  
 Club Blackhawk  
 Club Flame  
 Club Miniature House

I send this letter for the specific purpose of requesting that your resident agent at Wausau, Wisconsin, [redacted] be permitted to testify about things that he has observed in the above matter and business establishments with reference to lewdness, assignation, prostitution, immorality, and debauchery, on the 21st day of June, 1954. *31-1910-181*

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Mr. James Poster

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June 14, 1955

As you most likely know, activities in Hurley, Wisconsin have led to numerous convictions under the Mann Act and is a constant source of time, trouble, and expense to your department. I feel that the first three of the above named defendants, and I believe [redacted] will bear me out, are the powers in the City of Hurley as regards the operation of prostitution, immorality, and debauchery, and the interstate transportation of women into said city for the aforementioned purposes and that if plaintiff in the above action is successful in getting their establishments closed that the rest of the city will close as a matter of course.. As a result, prostitution will be wiped out for many years to come.

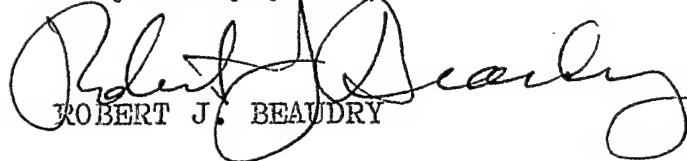
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Please let me know at your very earliest convenience as to whether [redacted] will be permitted to testify.

Naturally, we will subpoena him, which will include mileage to and from Wausau, which will pay for his expenses in as much as the whole proceedings will only take a few hours.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

  
ROBERT J. BEAUDRY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

FBI MILWAUKEE 6/17/55 P.M. MG

DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

STATE OF WIS. EX REL, SULO HELLEN. / CAPTIONED CASE PENDING  
IN CIRCUIT COURT IRON CO., WIS. AND IS ACTION UNDER STATE  
STATUTE TO ABATE NUISANCES OF LEWDNESS AND OR ASSIGNATION  
AND PROSTITUTION IN HURLEY, WIS., NAMELY CLUBS CARNIVAL,  
BAND BOX, BLACKHAWK, FLAME AND MINIATURE HOUSE. ROBERT J.  
BEAUDRY, MI ATTY, HAS DIRECTED LETTER MI OFFICE REQUESTING  
SA [REDACTED] RA, WAUSAU, WIS, BE PERMITTED TO  
TESTIFY RE ANY OBSERVATIONS MADE INSTANT MATTER, PARTICULARLY  
TO IMMORAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES HURLEY AREA. DEFENDANTS  
INCLUDE RICHARD MATTRELLA, JOHN GASBARRI, JOHN KALASARDO,  
JAMES GASBARRI AND JAMES QUIGLEY, ALL OF WHOM ARE ENGAGED  
IN OPERATION ESTABLISHMENTS AT HURLEY. USA GEO. E. RAPP, WDW,  
ADVISES HE IS AGAINST SA [REDACTED] TESTIFYING IN CONNECTION  
THIS MATTER AS SUCH TESTIMONY MIGHT AFFECT OUTCOME OF SEVERAL  
CASES WHICH MIGHT COME TO PROSECUTION LATER. SAC RECOMMENDS  
SA [REDACTED] NOT TESTIFY. IN EVENT SA [REDACTED] IS SERVED WITH  
SUBPOENA AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR USA RAPP WILL APPEAR IN HIS  
BEHALF. MI FILE REFLECTS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REFLECTING  
JOHN CARLI, FORMER OPERATOR OF TAVERN, HURLEY, WAS ENGAGED  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:  
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IN FIGHT DEC. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYFOUR, IN HIS TAVERN WITH ONE JOHN GARBER, MANAGER RESORT LAND OF LAKES, WIS. DURING FIGHT PART OF GARBERS RIGHT EAR WAS BITTEN OFF. ON JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYFIVE, NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REFLECTS BEAUDRY INTENDED TO FILE PETITION WITH CIRCUIT JUDGE, ASHLAND, WIS. TO CALL GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VICE AND PROTECTION SYNDICATE INHURLEY. PETITION WAS TO BE FILED ON BEHALF OF JOHN CARLI AND HIS MOTHER, WHO WAS LICENSEE OF CARLIS TAVERN. BEAUDRY HAS ACTED IN SEVERAL INSTANCES AS ATTY FOR CARLI AND MOTHER IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTED REVOCATION OF THEIR TAVERN LICENSE. PRESS ARTICLE FEB. ELEVEN, FIFTYFIVE, REFLECTS DAMAGE SUIT FILED BY GARBER AGAINST CARLI. INSTANT ACTION MAY BE MOTIVATED BY CARLI IN ATTEMPT TO RETALIATE AGAINST PEOPLE HE FEELS ARE AGAINST HIM. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED AS BEAUDRY LETTER REFLECTS HEARING MAY BE HELD JUNE TWENTYONE NEXT.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC '6-17-55 10-16 PM PC

SAC MILWAUKEE U R G E N T

STATE OF WIS., EX REL, SULO HELLEN. REURTEL TODAY. IN VIEW OF  
OPINION OF USA AND BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, RESPECTIVELY  
DECLINE REQUEST CONTAINED IN BEAUDRY LETTER. IF SUBPOENA ISSUED,  
IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU AND USA SO THAT LATTER MAY OPPOSE ANY  
ACTION LOCALLY.

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735 Federal Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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Mr. Robert J. Beaudry  
Attorney and Counselor-At-Law  
6106 West National Avenue  
Milwaukee 14, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Beaudry:

I have your letter of June 14, 1955 in the matter of State of Wisconsin ex rel, Sulo Hellen vs. Richard Mattrella, Et Al.

I have discussed your request concerning authority to [redacted] to testify in this matter with United States Attorney George E. Rapp and I must decline your request. Special Agent [redacted] will not be permitted to testify.

Very truly yours,



James B. Poster  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, Mulvanee

For information

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For appropriate action

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

June 22, 1955

Director, FBI

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

The case of State of Wisconsin, ex rel, Sulo Hellen, is presently pending in the Circuit Court, Iron County, Wisconsin. It is an action under a state statute to abate nuisances of lewdness and/or assignation and prostitution in Hurley, Wisconsin; namely Clubs Carnival, Band Box, Blackhawk, Flame and Miniature House.

Robert J. Beaudry, Milwaukee attorney, has directed a letter to our Milwaukee office requesting Special Agent [redacted] Resident Agent, Wausau, Wisconsin, be permitted to testify to any observations made in this matter, particularly to immoral and other activities in the Hurley, Wisconsin, area. The defendants include Richard Mattrella, John Gasbarri, John Kalasardo, James Gasbarri and James Quigley, all of whom are engaged in the operation of establishments at Hurley.

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United States Attorney George E. Rapp, Western District of Wisconsin, advised that he is against Special Agent [redacted] testifying in connection with this matter as such testimony might affect the outcome of several cases which might come to prosecution at a later date. Mr. Beaudry has been so advised. In the event Special Agent [redacted] is served with a subpoena and required to appear, United States Attorney Rapp will appear in his behalf. The Agent will respectfully decline to testify in accordance with the provisions of Departmental Order Number 3229 unless instructions to the contrary are received from you.

If any additional information in this matter is received, you will be immediately advised.

cc: 1-Milwaukee

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/1/55

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

SUBJECT WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reference is made to Milwaukee letter dated December 7, 1954, captioned "WSTA Survey, Hurley, Wisconsin", reflecting the results of a survey conducted by Bureau personnel in the Hurley, Wisconsin, area in 1954.

As a result of the survey made in 1954, which survey was conducted during the Michigan and Wisconsin deer hunting seasons, fourteen new WSTA cases were opened. On the basis of this experience, it is anticipated that pimps and prostitutes from outside of the State of Wisconsin will gravitate to Hurley, Wisconsin, in 1955 for the Michigan and Wisconsin deer hunting seasons, beginning November 15, 1955, through November 27, 1955. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, the Milwaukee Office will conduct a survey this year beginning on or about November 12, 1955, and continuing through the hunting seasons unless circumstances dictate an earlier termination.

Hurley, Wisconsin, at the present time, has seven operating houses of prostitution and there are four other establishments which have operated as houses of prostitution in the past but are currently doing business as taverns. It is very probable that these establishments will acquire girls during the deer hunting season this year. During the current calendar year, there have been five WSTA convictions stemming from the Hurley, Wisconsin, area, and there are several additional cases pending action at the present time by the Federal Grand Jury.

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This office has two qualified CIs and one PCI at Hurley, Wisconsin, who are capable of furnishing information concerning the arrivals of prostitutes and pimps, together with information concerning their transportations and backgrounds. It is anticipated, based on past experience, that these informants will furnish basic information for the opening of cases and that Special Agent personnel can then interview victims, conduct spot checks and surveillances, and check out other leads pertinent to the investigation. The Wisconsin State Alcohol and Cigarette Tax Unit has devoted considerable investigative attention to Hurley during the current year, and liaison will be maintained with them so that any information of value obtained by them may be utilized in connection with Bureau cases. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, it is contemplated that this survey will be conducted by four agents from the Milwaukee Office, three from headquarters city, in addition to the Resident Agent assigned to the Hurley area. It is felt that this will be sufficient manpower and no request is being made of the Detroit Division for assistance.

Offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to contact logical informants to ascertain in advance, if possible, whether the transportation of prostitutes is anticipated from their territories to Hurley, Wisconsin, so that appropriate surveillances may be conducted if feasible. Based on past experience, particular attention is directed to the possibility that prostitutes may travel to Hurley from Gary, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, Danville, Illinois, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and possibly other cities where there are currently houses of prostitution in operation. Experience in the 1954 WSTA Survey at Hurley reflected that several of the prostitutes arrived at Hurley a few days prior to the commencing of the hunting season, and all offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to contact informants immediately.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. 11/8/55 Airtel

Transmit the following message to: SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reurlet 11/1/55.

All offices expedite information requested in referenced letter. Milwaukee Division evaluate information to determine if large influx of pimps and prostitutes expected in Hurley area. Information received will assist in determining coverage necessary. Judicious use of manpower, using if possible Agents in nearby areas, should be exercised consistent with SAC Letter 55-55 (B) dated 8/29/55.

Surveillances may be used to show if possible interstate transportation. The "immoral" purpose of such transportation should be established through interviews of victims where basis for such exists. No indiscriminate interviews advisable. For handling, refer Buairtel 1/20/55 to Milwaukee captioned "Richard Mattrella, Wa., Et Al.; Penelope Gorfain, Was., Et Al. - Victims; WSTA."

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Director, FBI

November 9, 1955

SAC, Minneapolis (31-3369)

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

ReBuairtel dated 11/8/55, and Milwaukee letter of 11/1/55.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] from Minneapolis, Minnesota, is presently [redacted] at Club Carnival in Hurley, Wisconsin, where [redacted]

Informant, this date, contacted [redacted] telephonically and [redacted] advised that there are two prostitutes there from Minneapolis working in Hurley. According to informant, [redacted] stated that the houses of prostitution and bars in Hurley are expecting a large influx of hunters to Hurley and [redacted] stated that prostitutes will be coming from all Midwest cities.

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[redacted] has advised that he will endeavor to ascertain the identity of any prostitutes traveling to Hurley for the deer hunting season.

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[REDACTED] WA, "DOC," UNKNOWN VICTIM, WSTA.

On 11/11/55 an informant of MI Office of known reliability supplied following info. Informant advised on or about 11/4/55 he observed a short, stocky, round faced, white male in company with 2 unknown prostitutes, one of whom is believed to be unknown victim this case. These individuals seen by informant to have Frenchy's Holiday Inn, a bar-brothel, Hurley, Wis., and operated by LOIS FRENCHY GASBARRI. On 11/14/55 chief of police LEO NEGRINI, Hurley, Wis., advised that at that time an individual known to him as "Doc," a pimp from Chicago, Ill., was at Holiday Inn and had reportedly brought unknown prostitute with him from Ill. to work at Holiday Inn. NEGRINI advised DOC was driving 2-door grey Ford, year unknown, bearing Ill. 1955 lic. plate 574-736. Investigation reflects this lic. registered to E. E. KIETZER, JR., 4736 N. Keeler Ave, Chicago, Ill. It is possible this individual may be back in Chicago since he was ordered out of town by Chief NEGRINI. Chicago Office is requested to obtain background information on subject and attempt to identify unknown victim. Will also send photos of subject and victim if available. Expedite.

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NOTE: Informant is [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (31-1910)

DATE: 11/16/55

FROM : SA M. W. MEEKINS

SUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WIS.

SA [ ] called the writer at 11:45 a.m. 11/16/55 from Ironwood, Mich. SA [ ] advised that little progress was being made in conjunction with captioned matter this year and there appeared to be little activity. He indicated information had been received that some WSTA activity might be in progress in the vicinity of Spooner, Wis. in connection with which he had communicated with SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, Superior, Wis. and arranged for SA LE GRAND to check out the rumor today and advise him direct of results and if facts appear to justify the survey would be brought to include Spooner.

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SA [ ] was instructed that unless additional information of value was developed in connection with the survey by noon time Friday 11/18/55 he should discontinue any survey and all personnel assigned thereto return to MI.

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Unknown Subject Driving 1955  
Pontiac, Bearing 1956 Indiana  
Dealer Plates 7ZM16;  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS  
MGT

On November 14, 1955, SA [REDACTED] and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON made the following observation. The Unknown Subject, accompanied by an unknown colored man and woman, was observed to leave Kalasardo's Band Box and get in a 1955 Pontiac convertible, with a red bottom and black top, bearing 1956 Indiana dealer plates 7ZM16. It is noted that Kalasardo's Band Box features strip teasers, but also has prostitutes working there. Reporting agents followed this car to 334 E. Aurora Street, Ironwood, Michigan. This address is an apartment house and in checking the register the only vacant apartment appeared to be Apartment 4. The Unknown Subject was subsequently observed to return to the Band Box alone.

Subject is described as: 30, 5'10", 170, white.

Unknown colored man is described as: 35, 5'9", 150, medium brown complexion.

Unknown victim is described as: 22, 5'8", 110, medium brown complexion.

Assign case to SA [REDACTED]

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From SAC, CHICAGO (31-7217)

To: SAC, MI (31-1910)

WSTA SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reurlet to Director 11/1/55.

[redacted] advised SA WALTER E. PETERS 11/14/55 that [redacted] has no current information concerning prostitutes going to Hurley, and that only girl presently known by [redacted] to be working there is [redacted]

[redacted] Informant making further inquiries and will advise. If MI desires to utilize services of [redacted] in Hurley it is believed [redacted] may be susceptible to such assignment. It will be noted that informant is identical with [redacted]

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Flights North Central Airlines being checked for passengers destined CG to Ironwood, Michigan, on Flights 579 leaving CG 4:30 p.m. and 573 leaving 8:15 a.m. daily. North Central records reflect that following individuals left on Flight 579 on dates indicated:

11/8/55 RISKU, American Airlines passenger from Detroit

11/10/55 CHERNE, Blackstone Hotel, CG

11/12/55 SHAUGHENOY, Michigan City, Indiana

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Two individuals named HEATH, telephone, Plaza 2-2516, listed to MARION RICHEY LICHTSTERN, CG. Indices reflect one BILLIE JEAN HEATH, Victim in Springfield case entitled "ARMANDO COISNZA, Was; EVELYN SYMANEK, Was. Et Al." HEATH is professional

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10:30 11/18/55  
Instructions to  
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Wm. Weller  
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From SAC,

To:

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prostitute who has operated Chicago and Rock Island, Illinois, and Omaha, Nebraska, described as white, female, age 27, 5'10", blond, fair complexion, slender build, wide mouth.

Indices contain numerous references to COZELL OVESTER HEATH and wife, BLANCHE ELIZABETH HEATH, a white prostitute, most of which information is available MI files.

Following individuals left CG on Flight 573:

11/8/55 TENBERTHY, San Antonio, Texas.

TUCKER, Hilton Hotel

No information Chicago files identifiable with other individuals.

PCI [redacted]  
[redacted] advised no girls booked for Hurley, Wisconsin, within past two weeks.

While in [redacted] office 11/15/55 [redacted] pointed out to SA JOHN J. MATTHEWS one [redacted] CG, who was attempting to secure return of guarantee posted by [redacted] Hurley. [redacted] advised [redacted] assured him no entertainment presently being utilized that club.

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Investigation continuing.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC

November 21, 1955

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CRIMINAL INFORMANT

Captioned Informant was contacted at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in connection with IT file 31-1910, entitled White Slave Traffic Survey, Hurley, Wisconsin. On each of these contacts, Informant noted that there were no new arrivals of girls in Hurley for the hunting season. Informant pointed out on each occasion that State raids and federal WSTA prosecutions in the past year have resulted in almost completely eliminating prostitution in Hurley. He noted that prostitution is now being replaced in Hurley by strippers and B-girls.

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As of November 17, 1955, Informant stated that the following are the only prostitutes presently in Hurley:

KAY MARTIN (Miniature House)  
JACKIE COOK (Hi-Ho Bar)  
MARION SMITH, wa. June Flanagan (Ritz Bar)  
SALLY (LNU) (Ritz Bar)  
VITA (LNU) (Ritz Bar)  
JACKIE DAVIS (Holiday Inn)  
JEAN (LNU) (Holiday Inn)

Informant advised that all of the above prostitutes have been in Hurley a considerable period of time, with the exception of VITA and JEAN, above mentioned, but pointed out that there is no indication that either one came from outside of Wisconsin or was induced to come to Hurley, Wisconsin.

Informant stated on November 17, 1955, that on the basis of conversation with other white slavers, in the Hurley area, it appeared that in view of the present "heat" on Hurley, no attempt is being made this hunting season to bring prostitutes into Hurley, Wisconsin.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

DATE: 11-22-55

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (31-3597)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reurlet 11-1-55 and Buairtel 11-8-55.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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AT [REDACTED] INDIANA

PCI [REDACTED] (protect identity), who has been contacted an insufficient number of times to establish reliability, and PCI [REDACTED] (protect identity), who has furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted with regard to their knowledge of any pimps or prostitutes that might be traveling to Hurley, Wisconsin, during the coming deer season, and they stated on November 15, 1955, that they had no knowledge pertaining to the above.

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Detective [REDACTED] (NA), Terre Haute, Indiana, Police Department, stated on November 7, 1955, that he had no information pertaining to prospective travel of any pimps or prostitutes from the Terre Haute, Indiana, area to Hurley, Wisconsin.

Chief of Detectives WILLARD GANTZ, Terre Haute, Indiana, Police Department, stated on November 15, 1955, that he knew of no prospective travel of pimps or prostitutes from the Terre Haute, Indiana, area to Hurley, Wisconsin.

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The following [REDACTED] of houses of prostitution located in the Terre Haute, Indiana, area were contacted by SA [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED] on November 16, 1955, with regard to prospective travel of any pimps or prostitutes to the Hurley, Wisconsin, area with negative results:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Gary, Indiana:

The following were contacted on the indicated dates and none furnished information pertinent to instant survey and none anticipated they would be in receipt of such information upon which to institute surveillances of interstate transportation:

[REDACTED] 11-15-55, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

PCI [REDACTED] 11-15-55  
PCI [REDACTED] 11-15-55  
PCI [REDACTED] 11-16-55  
PCI [REDACTED] 11-17-55

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The contact with the above PCIs has been insufficient to establish their reliability.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

DATE: November 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (31-7532)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

OO: MILWAUKEE

Reurlet to Bureau, cc Detroit, dated  
November 1, 1955.

On November 7, 1955, Informant Detroit [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that there are no prostitutes known to be operating in the Ironwood-Wakefield, Michigan, area and that no transportation of prostitutes from that area to Hurley, Wisconsin, is anticipated during the November 15-27, 1955, hunting season.

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Insofar as it can now be determined, it appears that any transportation of prostitutes from the Ironwood, Michigan, area to Hurley during instant hunting season will be prostitutes, with their pimps, who come to Hurley to work but who are unable to find living quarters in Hurley. It is feasible that they will then go to an Ironwood motel or hotel and that they will journey daily to Hurley for purposes of practicing prostitution.

The Detroit Office will endeavor to determine if such is occurring, particularly during instant hunting season, and it should be borne in mind by those Milwaukee Agents conducting this survey.

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee [redacted] b7D

FROM : [redacted] b6  
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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7D  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT

DATE: 11/23/55

Date of Contact: 11/21/55

Files on Which Contacted: 31-1910

## Information Received:

1. Negative
2. Positive

In case entitled "White Slave Traffic Survey, Hurley, Wis. 31-1910, informant advised that on about 11/19/55 two prostitutes arrived in Hurley, Wis. He stated that to his knowledge, neither came to Hurley from outside of Wisconsin. He advised that one of these girls is presently working at LOUIS GASBARRI'S Red Feather in Hurley, Wis. under the name of Jean. Informant stated that he knows Jean to be a prostitute from Milwaukee, noting that she had been employed in Hurley on prior occasions.

Informant noted that a short blonde girl, formerly employed at the Holiday Inn, also returned to Hurley where  
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she is again working for LOIS GASBARRI at the Holiday Inn.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

DATE: December 2, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (31-3597)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re IP let dated 11/22/55.

The following informants were contacted on 11/25/55 and 11/30/55 in Lafayette, Indiana, by SA [redacted] and SA FREDERICK L. WILT and advised there has been no prostitutes in Lafayette, Indiana, since February 1955 and they know of no prostitutes or pimps going to Hurley, Wisconsin, or surrounding area:

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee [redacted] b7D  
FROM : [redacted] b6  
SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C  
CRIMINAL INFORMANT

DATE: 12/9/55

Date of Contact: 11/16/55

Files on Which Contacted: 31-1910

## Information Received:

1. Negative
2. Positive

In case entitled " WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC SURVEY, HURLEY, WIS.",  
OO MI, File # 31-1910, Informant advised that no pimps or  
prostitutes arrived in Hurley for the hunting season as was the case  
in prior years. He stated that recent Mann Act convictions arising from  
violations in Hurley, Wis. has resulted in virtually abolishing  
interstate transportation of prostitutes either by pimps or bar-brothel  
operators. Informant noted that the number of prostitutes presently in  
Hurley is at an all time low and pointed out that the few remaining ones  
have been in Hurley for a considerable length of time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

DATE: December 16, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVLY,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
OO: MILWAUKEEb6  
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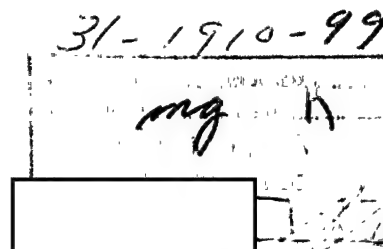
On November 28, 1955, M. G. FRLUND, Superintendent, Reservations and Ticket Sales, North Central Airlines, 37 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 3, Illinois, furnished information concerning the identity of all individuals departing from Chicago for Ironwood, Michigan, from November 16, to November 28, 1955, inclusive.

There were no Ironwood passengers on Flight 573 on November 16 through November 21, 1955. On November 22, 1955, a Mr. WHITE utilized the above flight. There were no passengers on this flight from November 23 to November 28, 1955, inclusive.

With regard to Flight 579, the only other flight servicing Ironwood, Michigan, there were no passengers on November 16 and 17, 1955. On November 18, 1955, an individual named BOLEN flew to Ironwood, as did two individuals named GARLAND, who listed as a reference the telephone number CA or GA 4-0679. Another individual traveling to Ironwood on this date was one CULVER who arrived from Memphis on Delta Flight 766.

On November 19, 1955, a Mrs. THOMPSON flew to Ironwood, giving as a reference telephone number Tilden 4-6611, which is a Hammond, Indiana exchange.

On November 20, 1955, an individual named YOUNGS, who arrived from Evansville, Indiana, on Delta Flight 394, flew to Ironwood. On the same date E. CLOSE, who listed as a contact telephones HA 7-4053 or HI 2-1114, and one JACOBSON, flew to Ironwood.



SAC, MILWAUKEE

RE: WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY,  
WISCONSIN

There were no passengers on November 21, 1955, and on November 22, 1955, one SCHOLAR, who arrived from Atlanta on Delta Flight 744, flew to Ironwood.

On the same date the following individuals utilized the Flight: KRAUTTER, from New York City; R. J. MC IVER, Room 1734, Bismarck Hotel; J. MC IVER; and a person named PRITTIE.

There were no passengers on November 23, through November 25, 1955. On November 26, 1955, an individual named BOIVIN was a "no show" for the above flight. It was noted that this individual had flown into Chicago from Ironwood on Flight 572 of November 26, 1955.

On November 27, 1955, a person named PIERCE, who arrived in Chicago on American Airlines Flight 771 from Rochester, New York, and NEWMAN, who arrived on American Airlines Flight 484 from Springfield, Illinois, flew to Ironwood.

The above individuals could not be identified in the files of this office.

With regard to GARLAND on Flight 579 of November 18, 1955, the Chicago files contain a case entitled "EDWARD HARDWICK; MARY ISOBEL GARLAND; JUVENILE, VICTIM, WSTA, Chicago file 31-5789, Indianapolis origin." Milwaukee has a file on the above case.

Chicago file 31-4862, entitled "DAN BASIL; HILDA GARLAND, wa. Hildegard Garland - VICTIM, WSTA, Chicago origin", is a case involving the transportation of victim, a married woman, and her daughter, from Chicago to West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1942. The above is a commercial case and prosecution was declined on that basis.

SAC, MILWAUKEE

RE: WSTA SURVEY, HURLEY,  
WISCONSIN

On December 8, 1955, PCI [redacted]  
who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
advised SAs JOHN J. MATTHEWS and [redacted]  
that [redacted] had no information concerning recent trips  
to Hurley, Wisconsin, by prostitutes known to her.

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- 1 - Chicago (31-7217)

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee (31-1910)

DATE: December 29, 1955

FROM : SAC, Springfield (31-2730)

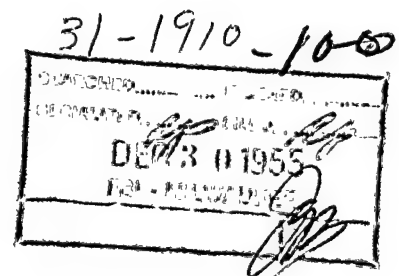
SUBJECT: WSTA Survey  
Hurley, Wisconsin

Re Milwaukee letter to Director, 11/1/55.

Immediately upon receipt of relet, contacts were made with logical CIs and PCIs, who might have information relative to prostitutes proceeding to the Hurley, Wisconsin area for the deer hunting season, which began on November 15, 1955. The above-described contacts were made with negative results. RUC.

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1 - Springfield (31-2730)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (31-7217)

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

DATE: 1/26/56

Romyairtel 11/16/55 reflecting results of investigation conducted at Chicago.

Through inadvertence the status RUC was omitted.

No further investigation remains in this division.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: 3/8/56

FROM : *Cut* SAC, Detroit (31-5594)b6  
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SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY

Re San Francisco letter to Seattle, cc Detroit, et al,  
dated 2/13/56, which set out that [redacted] who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, made available [redacted]

[redacted]

The Milwaukee Office was not furnished with a copy of this  
letter.

Referenced letter set out [redacted]

[redacted]

For the information of the Milwaukee Office the following  
additional notations re Wisconsin appeared in referenced letter:

"WISCONSIN"

- ② - Milwaukee  
2 - San Francisco (31-3810)  
1 - Detroit

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*Pls See me - re this info*

Letter to SAC, Milwaukee

Re: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY

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The above is furnished for your information.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

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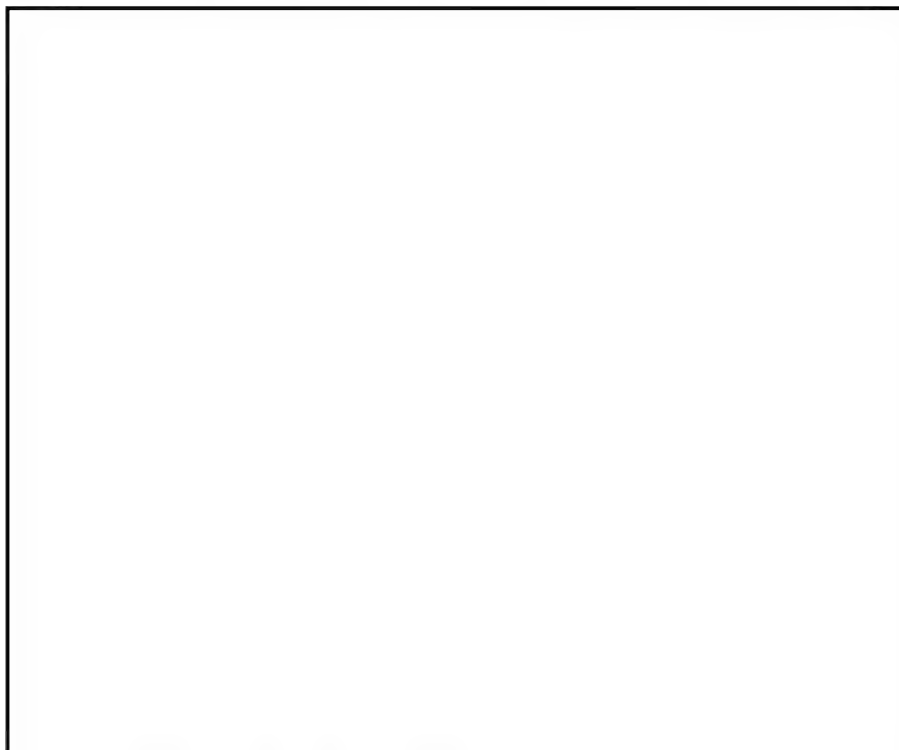
FROM : SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON

SUBJECT: WSTA SURVEY  
ALLEGED HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION  
IN WISCONSINb6  
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Detroit advised by letter dated 3/8/56 that they received information from San Francisco to the effect that [redacted] had furnished [redacted]

[redacted] Detroit said that San Francisco had set forth certain information relative to Wisconsin which was being forwarded to Milwaukee, as Milwaukee had not received copies of the original San Francisco letter.

The information furnished by [redacted] alleges that there are or were [redacted]



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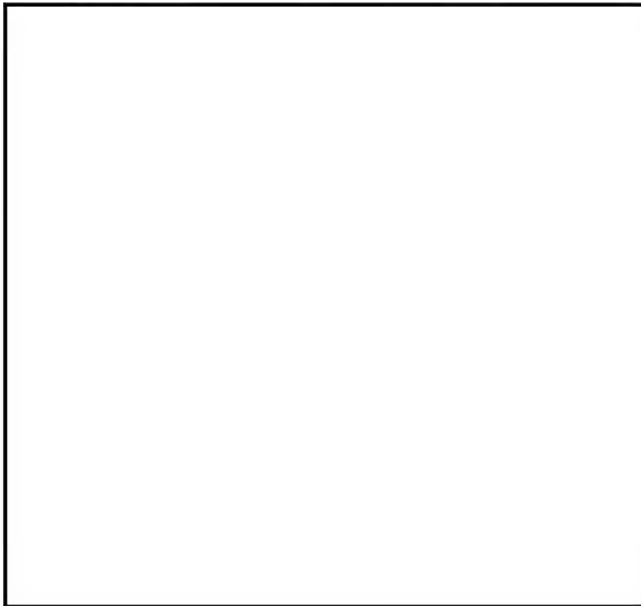
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MEMO TO SAC, MILWAUKEE  
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It is assumed from the nature of the above information  
that [redacted] has been [redacted]  
[redacted] For  
instance, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Therefore,  
this information is merely being recorded in the GII file for  
informational purposes.

It is suggested that copies of this memorandum be routed to  
the Resident Agencies at Green Bay and Wausau and to SA [redacted]  
[redacted] for the road trip territory.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE

DATE: 10-24-56

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (31-2464)

SUBJECT: WSTA ACTIVITY, 2  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

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Hurley, Wis. 31-6-667

[redacted] (PCI), [redacted] of a night club and "strip joint" located at [redacted] Illinois, advised Special Agents [redacted] on August 1, 1956, and September 6, 1956, that in the recent past [redacted]

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[redacted] PCI stated that [redacted]

The PCI stated that she would attempt to gain further information concerning these [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois, Wisconsin, area.

The above information is furnished for whatever action deemed advisable by the Milwaukee Division.

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2 - Springfield (31-2464)

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Walker (Info) [initials]	

, Milwaukee [redacted]

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JOSEPH S. WALKER

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3/29/60 by SAs JOHN T. MC CARRIER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

WSTA Activity - Hurley, Wisconsin

MI 31-0-Hurley

JAMES HARRIS, aka et al - Victims, WSTA

MI 31-2571

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WSTA Activity - Hurley, Wis.

MI 31-0

[redacted] advised that a week prior to date of contact, there was an Oldsmobile, cream over black, in Hurley with Illinois license [redacted]

He said there was another car that was parked in front of AGGIE's (the Miniature House, a bar-brothel) which was a Chevrolet, Bel Aire convertible, bearing Ohio license [redacted] He said that this car was supposedly driven by a white man who supposedly brought girls to Aggie's.

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Informant gave the following information about Hurley bar-brothels:

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Miniature House

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Informant said [ ] has four prostitutes, one known as [ ] who is fat and sleepy, one known as [ ] and one known as [ ]. In regard to [ ] he said she went away from Hurley for a while and since her return a fourth prostitute is working at this bar-brothel. He said he had no description of this fourth prostitute.

Tryangle Bar

Informant said that [ ] has a new prostitute working at the Tryangle Bar and she appears to be a very well-built female.

Kay's Bar

Informant said that [ ] still has the same "old bag" working at her place.

Hi-He Bar

He said the Hi-He still has the same two prostitutes employed as when Bureau Agents were last there.

MARGARET's Bar

This bar operated by [ ] he said, has a cross-eyed girl named [ ] whom informant believes works part-time as a prostitute.

Blondies Club Ritz

Informant said [ ] who operates this place, has [ ] a prostitute from Milwaukee, and a new girl believed to be from the Clique in Chicago.

Hi-Hat

Informant said the Hi-Hat, [ ] has a woman working behind the bar known as [ ] and a prostitute by the name of [ ]. He said after Bureau Agent last visited Hurley, [ ] supposedly were taken to Milwaukee by [ ] where [ ] supposedly worked at the Melody as a dancer to distract the FBI from the Hi-Hat. He said that since the trip to Milwaukee [ ] is back at the Hi-Hat and she supposedly is not a prostitute and is chaste, but he said he doubts this information very much.



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[redacted] aka et al - Victims, WSTA

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Informant advised that [redacted] whom he believes to be a woman, brought girls to the Ritz and Hi-Hat. He said that one was a young girl but did not stay very long. She worked first at the Hi-Hat and then at the Ritz Bar. Informant said that [redacted] as of March 29, 1960 was not around Hurley.

, Milwaukee [redacted]

4/16/60

JOSEPH S. WALKER

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[redacted]

on 3/29/60 by SAs JOHN T. MC CARTHER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

[redacted] et al - VICTIMS, WSTA

31-2571

WSTA Activity - Hurley

31-C-Hurley

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[redacted] et al - VICTIMS, WSTA

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Informant advised that [redacted] the Miniature House,  
a bar-brothel in Hurley, [redacted]

He said that [redacted]

appears to be the [redacted] and that after

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, Milwaukee (137-302)

4/15/60

JOSEPH S. WALKER

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By letter postmarked April 5, 1960, received by SA WALKER on 4/8/60

WSTA Activity, Hurley, Wis.

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~~31-0-Hurley~~

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By letter postmarked April 5, 1960, Hurley, Wisconsin, and received by SA WALKER upon return from road trip on 4/8/60, Informant advised that on 4/5/60 a black 1959 Chevrolet convertible Impala, bearing Ohio license 5 97-CU, driven by a white male approximately 35 to 38 years of age, medium complexion, 180 to 190 lbs., who talks with a Southern accent, was seen in Hurley, Wisconsin. He said this individual is probably a runner for "Big Jim". He said two girls arrived about the time this car was seen in Hurley and he would attempt to determine more about them.

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, Milwaukee [redacted]

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JOSEPH S. WALKER

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ANN MONTONATI

4/27/60 by SAS JOHN T. MC CARRIER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

WSTA Activity, Hurley, Wis.

MI 31-1910

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PCI said that within the past week a large blond prostitute has been working at the Hi-Hat, and a large heavy-set red-headed prostitute has been working at Aggie's Bar. She said it appears these women arrived in town with two fellows and they all were travelling in the same car. She said the large blond working at the Hi-Hat associates with a person who resembles JOSEPH "BUDDY" HOWELL from Hurley, but who is older, and she believes he is a pimp. She said that she was at the Club Carnival with DONNA NEECHER when this big blond woman arrived and she heard her ask for "Big Jim," (JAMES WARTS) and state to one of the personnel that she was one of the waitresses.

PCI further informed that there is a prostitute by the name of LISA work-

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ing at Aggie's Bar and a teen-ager, about 17 years of age, who is also working as a prostitute. She further advised that she believes that all of the prostitutes that have been working at the Hi-Hat and Aggie's are from Ohio.

She said she also has heard that when the Club Carnival operators open the Show Bar, which was formerly known as the Club Francis, there will be a number of new prostitutes arriving from Ohio.

PCI said DELORES JABLONSKI is still working at Blondies Club Ritz and there is one new prostitute presently working at this place.

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, Milwaukee [redacted] b7D

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JOSEPH S. WALKER

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4/27/60 by SAS JOHN T. MC CARTER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

WSPA Activity, Hurley, Wis.

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Informant stated that since January 1960 there have been 10 to 15 prostitutes from the States of Ohio and Kentucky who have been working at Aggie's Bar, which was formerly known as the Miniature House. He said that he believes that "Big Jim" (JAMES HARRIS) is still the procurer of these prostitutes.

Informant further advised that recently some fellows appeared in town who appear to be pimps. He said he has been unable to obtain the license number of their car but will endeavor to do so. He said they frequent Aggie's Bar.

Informant said that ANN MONTONATI may have some information regarding some of the recent prostitutes that have arrived in Hurley.

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*K* SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

WSTA ACTIVITY  
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On June 30, 1960, [redacted] who is principally a WSTA informant in the Milwaukee Division and who has furnished information on top hoodlum activities in the past informed SAs JOHN T. MC CARRIER and JOSEPH S. WALKER that on approximately [redacted] the Sheriff at Hurley, Wis. allegedly [redacted]

Informant stated that SAM GIOVANONI, the Mayor of Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted]

Informant, [redacted]

This information is being furnished for information purposes to the Bureau, [redacted]

In this regard, it is to be noted that the Milwaukee Office, through informants, has developed information that during the past 8 months there have been prostitutes working at Aggie's Miniature House Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, who according to informants, have traveled to Hurley, Wisconsin from the area of Newport, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

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- 2 - Bureau
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- 2 - Milwaukee (31-1910)
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MI 31-1910

Milwaukee currently has under investigation a case entitled: JAMES E. HARRIS, aka; LOIS CAROLYN SEARS, AKA, et al - VICTIMS; WSTA, MI file 31-2571, Bufile 31-88022.

LEADS

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Peoria, Illinois:

Is requested to attempt to discreetly ascertain through informants the basis for the inquiry being made at Hurley, Wisconsin, [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: 7/21/60

✓ FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: WSTA MATTERS  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Reurlet 7/8/60 captioned "WSTA Activity, Hurley, Wisconsin.

Relet, which sets forth information concerning

[redacted] also sets out information received from informants that some prostitutes traveled to Hurley, Wisconsin, from Kentucky and Ohio. Relet indicates that you have under investigation one case involving transportation of prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin.

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Although your informant is [redacted]

so that you may be in a position of insuring that you are receiving information concerning all possible WSTA violations and are instituting prompt, vigorous investigation in any matter where a WSTA violation is indicated. Sulet by 8/8/60 specifically what is being done in this regard in Hurley, Wisconsin, and the quantity and quality of your source and informant coverage.

*make file*

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (31-2730)

WSEA ACTIVITY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Re Milwaukee letter to Director, 7-8-60.

The following contacts were made at Peoria, Illinois,  
by SA [redacted]

On 7-12-60, PCI [redacted] who is very familiar with activities of a criminal nature, advised that he knew nothing of any type of syndicate in Peoria and although he had heard of Hurley, Wisconsin, he has received no information that anyone from Peoria is going to Hurley.

On 7-14-60, PCI [redacted] furnished the same information as [redacted]

On 7-22-60, [redacted] both of whom are acquainted with activities concerning prostitution in and around Peoria, Illinois, advised that they had no information concerning any movement from Peoria to Hurley, Wisconsin, and have never known of any so-called "Syndicate" in Peoria.

On 7-20-60, PCI [redacted] advised that although he would probably hear of any movement to Hurley, Wisconsin, from Peoria by persons in any racket, he has no such information.

Chief of Police BERNARD J. KENNEDY, IA, Peoria Police Department, advised on several occasions that he has no information concerning anyone from Peoria moving into Wisconsin. He also advised on many occasions that there is no so-called "syndicate" with regard to white slave activities or any other criminal activities in Peoria.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-1910)

WSTA ACTIVITY  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Rebulet to Milwaukee 7/21/60 and Milwaukee letter  
to Bureau 7/8/60 captioned as above.

Milwaukee has under investigation the following cases  
at the present time in the Hurley, Wisconsin area, in  
all of which Milwaukee is OO:

KENNETH EUGENE MILLER aka Blackie Miller;  
UNKNOWN VICTIMS (2)  
WSTA  
MI 31-2670

UNSUB: ROSE KEY - VICTIM  
WSTA  
MI 31-2676

UNSUB: MARGIE BROWN - VICTIM  
WSTA  
MI 31-2677

JAMES HARRIS aka;  
LOIS CAROLYN SEARS aka. - VICTIM  
WSTA  
MI 31-2571

Milwaukee has intensified coverage of the Hurley,  
Wisconsin WSTA activity through the following sources:

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- Hurley  
- Hurley

These informants have been sincere in keeping the Milwaukee  
Office advised of prostitutional activities in the  
Hurley, Wisconsin area. They have constantly kept

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agents advised of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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In addition, [REDACTED] have telephonically  
advised Milwaukee agents in the past when [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Milwaukee believes the quantity and quality of the  
informant coverage in the Hurley area is above average.

In addition, the agents covering Hurley have been furnished  
confidential information by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (RESPECT  
AS CONFIDENTIAL) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As recently as 7/27/60, this source advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Hurley  
in connection with prostitution at Hurley. He furnished  
[REDACTED]

For the information of the Bureau, Hurley, Wisconsin is a  
small city located in a rural area with a population of  
approximately 3,000. The law enforcement officials, both  
county and city, have limited personnel and have made very  
few arrests in the field of prostitution over a period of  
the last several years.

The above informants have furnished information which  
reflects the following bar-brothels employ prostitutes as  
follows:

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Blondie's Club Ritz	- one to two prostitutes
Hi-Hat Club	- one prostitute
Kay's Bar	- one prostitute
Aggie's Miniature House	- three or four prostitutes
Hi Ho Bar	- one prostitute
Tryangle Bar	- two prostitutes
Margaret's Bar	- one prostitute - part time

Milwaukee will through its present sources intensify its coverage to be assured that the Milwaukee Office is made aware of all WSTA activity at Hurley, Wisconsin so that prompt and vigorous investigation of WSTA matters will be undertaken.

, Milwaukee [redacted]

8/6/60

JOSEPH S. WALKER

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[redacted]

8/4/60 by SAS JOHN T. MC CARRIER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

Local Conditions  
WSTA Matters

94-28-Hurley  
31-1910

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Local Conditions

94-28-Hurley

Informant furnished the following information concerning local conditions as it concerned the prostitutional activities in Hurley, Wisconsin:

Hi-He Bar

He said that [redacted] has returned to Hurley recently and has indicated that he is [redacted] He said [redacted] is now driving about a [redacted] from the informant to [redacted] to Hurley to work as a prostitute. He said [redacted] [redacted] and she is now working as a prostitute at the Hi-He Bar and [redacted] is

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[redacted]  
supposedly also living at the Hi-Ho.

Margaret's Bar

He said that at the present time he does not believe [redacted]  
[redacted] of Margaret's Bar, has other than a part-time prostitute, but she has  
had a prostitute working there by the name of [redacted] who is supposedly from  
the state of Florida.

Blondies Club Ritz

Informant said at the present time there are no prostitutes working at this  
bar; that [redacted] had a big blond working at the place but  
[redacted] He said that [redacted]  
took [redacted] a prostitute, back to Milwaukee about a week ago and at  
the present time has been unable to obtain any prostitutes.

Hi-Hat

He said at the present time there are no prostitutes at the Hi-Hat; there  
is a bar maid employed at this place, who is known as [redacted] and who was [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Club Carnival.

Kay's Bar

He said this brothel, [redacted] licensed under the name of  
[redacted] has one prostitute at the present time.

AGGIE's Bar

He said Aggie's Bar, [redacted] has two or three prostitutes,  
and [redacted]

Club 26

He said the Club 26 licensed by [redacted] supposedly re-opened and he  
does not believe she will be open very long before she will have prostitutes working  
at the Club 26.



[REDACTED]

New Bar Brothel

Informant said that [REDACTED] of Ironwood, Michigan, is supposedly opening a new bar-brothel to be operated next to Aggie's Bar and he believes that [REDACTED] probably is being [REDACTED]

WSTA Matters

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Informant stated that a recent rumor around Hurley has been to the effect that a government agency has made a survey in the Hurley area and the rumor is that unless Hurley is "cleaned up" the city will be declared as off-bounds to military personnel that are going to be stationed at a radar base which is nearing completion near Ironwood, Michigan.

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, Milwaukee [redacted]

8/6/60

JOSEPH S. WALKER

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[redacted]

8/4/60 by SAS JOHN T. MC CARRIER and JOSEPH S. WALKER

Local Conditions  
WSTA Matters

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Captioned PCI advised in addition to the information that was furnished by [redacted] that on the afternoon of 8/4/60 she noticed that the black Cadillac, bearing Tennessee license [redacted] had returned to the area and was parked behind Jean's Tavern for a short time.

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, Milwaukee [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Local Conditions  
WSTA Matters

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Informant furnished the following information regarding prestitutional activities in Hurley, Wisconsin:

Hi-He Bar

He advised that this bar-brethel [redacted]

[redacted] has had a prostitute known as [redacted]

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be [redacted] He said [redacted] and

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started working at the Hi-He about a month ago and worked for a period of three weeks. He said this [redacted]

[redacted] (ph) from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is [redacted]

and who drives a [redacted] He said that [redacted] appears to be new in his

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Director, FBI (63-4296-30)

8/10/60

SAC, Milwaukee (94-312)

CRIMDEL - CRS

Re SAC Letters 57-69(H) and 59-51(D).

**COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION CONDITIONS IN HURLEY, WIS.,  
WSTA MATTERS**

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Recently the Bureau furnished the Milwaukee Office with a letter dated 7/27/60 entitled as above, which enclosed a confidential report from American Social Health Assn., Inc., 1719 Broadway, New York City. The report was entitled, "Commercialized Prostitution Conditions in Hurley, Wis. and Environs, June 1960," and it set forth information that the agency requested the Bureau use every care to avoid any use by unauthorized individuals.

On 8/4/60 HENRY GEACH, Chief Of Police, Hurley, Wis., exhibited a copy of same report to SA JOSEPH S. WALKER, and upon SA WALKER's discreet inquiry as to his source of the pamphlet, he advised recently the Wis. Dept. of Taxation officials had made it available to the Mayor of Hurley, Wis., and himself. He said he did not know anything about this association and local officials at Hurley had not received a report except through the state officials.

It is to be noted Hurley is a community in which vice conditions, such as prostitution, have existed for years without very many arrests by local authorities and the Wis. Beverage and Tobacco Tax Unit, which is part of the Wis. Dept. of Taxation, has made only a limited number of arrests during the past few years as compared with the period 1940 to 1950. The fact this confidential Pamphlet was furnished to Hurley authorities by state officials reflects that state officials are advising local officials of information made available to them.

For information of Bureau, Milwaukee has not used local law enforcement officers in connection with its investigations in Hurley, Wis., except in the Bureau's interest, although Milwaukee Office is on friendly terms with the Hurley law enforcement officers on matters other than WSTA matters. Milwaukee has had adequate informant coverage without relying on information from local enforcement officers.

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[REDACTED]  
JOHN T. MCCARRIER

[REDACTED]  
3-30-61 by SA JOHN T. MCCARRIER

[REDACTED], aka. et. al WSTA

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WSTA MATTERS -HURLEY

Re [REDACTED] aka et. al WSTA  
(MI file 31-2571)

[REDACTED] in a light new Ford, returned to Hurley and the newly opened  
club is, beginning with him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
(MI file 29-518)

Informant identified a photo of Subject as being one of a group of 6 or  
7 deer hunters, from lower Wisconsin, who used to make the Silver St. bars during  
hunting season each year. Were all good spenders and no trouble makers.  
Not around for past 2 years.

GIIF- HURLEY (MI file 94-28)  
WSTA MATTERS (MI file 31-1910)

Informant advised that a [REDACTED] from Milwaukee, [REDACTED]

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Following are places in Hurley having girls working at present to knowledge of informant:

Kay's Bar	two
H-Hab	two
13 Club	may have 2 just arrived
Margaret's Bar	one
Try Angle	two
Hip Ho	one
Club Ritz	two

same veterans as previously

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[REDACTED] 10-28-61

[REDACTED]  
JOHN T. McCARRIER

[REDACTED]  
10-6-61 by SA JOHN T. McCARRIER; 10-24 -61 by SAs McCARRIER and [REDACTED]

ROY DOUGLAS HOWELL, et.al BB  
WSTA CONDITIONS, Hurley, Wis.

[REDACTED] AFA

[REDACTED] HGA-LN

[REDACTED] -FUB UFAP-KID

UNSUB; Theft of Jewelry- [REDACTED] Vic. ITSP

[REDACTED] aka. et.al BB

X on 91-1327, 87-5225 and 88-1994  
X on remainder

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WSTA, General Criminal Act-  
ivities, Hurley, Wis.

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[REDACTED]  
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JOHN T. McCARRIER

[redacted]

10-6-61 by SA JOHN T. McCARRIER; on 10-24-61 by SAs McCARRIER and [redacted]

[redacted]	aka et.al BB	91-1301
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[redacted]	et.al WSTA	31-2571
[redacted]	FUD; UFAP-KID	88-1994
UMSUS; Theft of Jewelry [redacted]	Vic. WSTA	87-5225
[redacted]	et.al. BB	91-1327

x on 91-1327, 87-5225, and 88-1994  
x on reminder r.

[Large redacted area]

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WSTA and General Activities  
(criminal) Hurley area

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[REDACTED]  
JOHN T, McGARRIER  
[REDACTED]

1-19-62; 2-12-62

[REDACTED] et.al Possible ITSP  
[REDACTED] ITWI  
[REDACTED] aka. et.al WSTA  
[REDACTED] aka AR

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87-5365

165-22 (2-12-62 only)

31-2571 (1-19-62 only)

94-319

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x  
x

165-22  
Remainder

[REDACTED] et.al  
Possible ITSP (87-5365)



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WSTA-General Criminal, Hurley, Wis. area  
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[REDACTED]  
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2-24-62

[REDACTED]

SA JOHN T. McCARRIER

X

[REDACTED]

Att. contact 1-19-62 (out of city on vacation); contact 2-12-62

[REDACTED]

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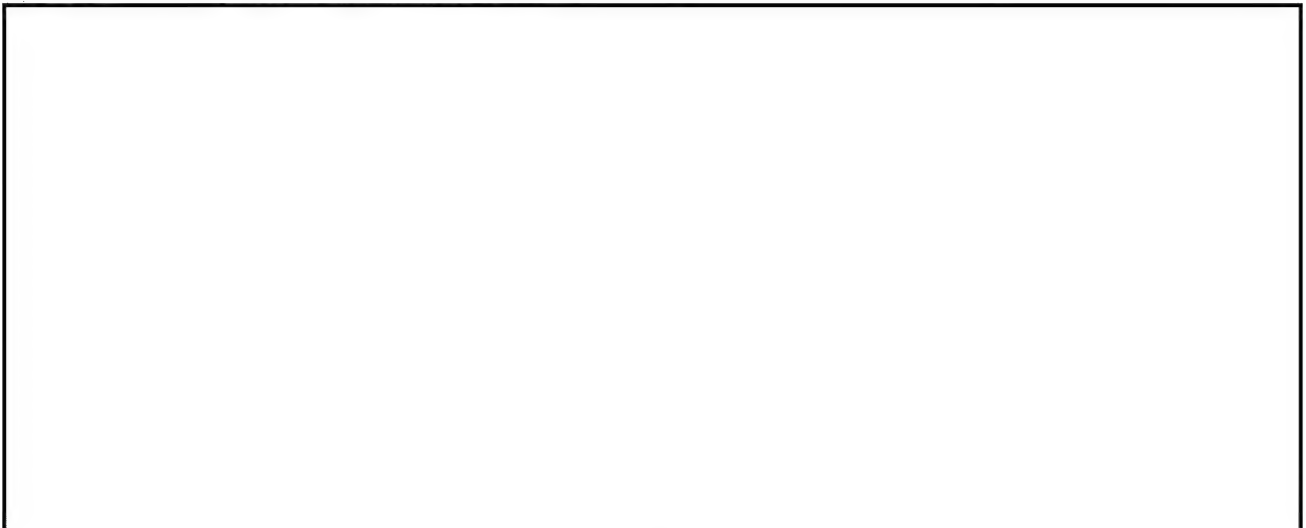
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on 165-22 and 31-1910



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WSTA- General Criminal,  
Hurley area.

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[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SA John T. McCarrier

DATE: June 19, 1962

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
AGVA HEARINGS

SAC JAMES H. GALE of the Chicago office called me at 4:55 PM today at the request of the Bureau and advised that in connection with the captioned hearings, a man by the name of [redacted] Immigration Investigator, has advised that there is an international conspiracy to recruit teen-age Canadian girls for prostitution in Hurley, Wis. and Calumet City, Ill. This conspiracy reportedly is operated by one [redacted] in

[redacted] Canada, who is connected with the [redacted] He allegedly recruits young girls in connection with AGVA activities and promises them stardom, but they wound up in one of the above two cities. [redacted] allegedly recruited by [redacted] were sent to the [redacted] in Hurley, where [redacted] and they were told to get men drunk and make them spend money, and it was made clear that prostitution would be very much in order. b6 b7C

These [redacted] the management caught them and shipped them off to Calumet City, Ill. This allegedly occurred during 1958, and they allegedly also worked for [redacted] of Riptide Club, who threatened them by telling them the "syndicate" would get them.

Eventually these girls apparently got to Los Angeles from where [redacted] by Immigration authorities.

SAC GALE said the Bureau wants a teletype tonight, in which reference should be made to Bureau call to Chicago today, telling the Bureau the number of WSTA cases we have had in Hurley, Wis. since 1958; give the Bureau a run-down on the Band Box and what conditions exist there; tell the Bureau what cases have been investigated at the Riptide; and contact INS representatives and see what they can tell us about an alleged international conspiracy reportedly known to Immigration authorities.

This matter is extremely expedite and must be handled this evening, without fail, by teletype to the Bureau and Chicago. Chicago will continue to check files and will call Milwaukee if it can turn up any information which will help us in our reply.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE

DATE: 6/21/62

FROM : SA JOHN T. MC CARRIER

SUBJECT: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
AGVA HEARINGS

Re SAC Memo 6/19/62.

In view of subsequent Chicago telephone call to SAC advising information from Milwaukee Office not necessary as such being provided by Chicago, the following information is being set out for possible future reference:

Pertinent Milwaukee file in this case is "Unsub; [redacted] - VICTIMS, WSTA" Mifile 31-2442. Information originally obtained from [redacted] INS, Chicago by SA JOSEPH E. WALKER at Hurley, Wis. 5/27/58.

Case closed administratively in view of lack of any evidence of WSTA violation and summary of facts sent Bureau by letter 8/26/58.

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According to Chicago, a WSTA case entitled [redacted] ETAL; [redacted] ETAL VICTIMS, WSTA" Mifile 31-2051 contains background information concerning past activities of strippers in Calumet City and background for type of activities allegedly involved in other matter.

Information concerning the testimony before the Senate Committee, Wash., D.C. by [redacted] INS, Set out in article on page 1, of "Milwaukee Journal" 6/19/62.

On 6/20/62 [redacted] Officer in Charge, INS, MI advised his Chicago Office had all pertinent facts covering activities of exotic dancers who had in the past been brought from Canada and other foreign countries for performances in Ill. and Wis.

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He stated for a period of several years prior to 1958 individuals from foreign countries who had booking agency contacts for specialty dance items including those identified as "exotic dancers" were granted visas for performances in the United States as a matter of routine procedure.

In 1/58, [ ] were admitted for contract stage performances at the Band Box, Hurley, Wis. Later in 5/58, both were located in Calif. and in statements in the Chicago INS Office taken by Insp. [ ] stated that they were at Kalasardo's Band Box in Hurley for one week, leaving when the proprietor, [ ] suggested they operate as "B-girls" and also fill prostitution dates away from the premises.

The girls after complaining were then given contracts for performances at Calumet City, Ill. and the Rib Tide Club, then [ ].

A copy of the statement taken from [ ] a review of which reflects no indication of any prostitution activities at Hurley or elsewhere, is in the Milwaukee INS file and was reviewed by Agent.

[ ] advised any cooperation his office could give the Milwaukee FBI Office in anything concerning this or any other immigration matter involving Hurley, would be immediately provided.

He indicated his department had received numerous inquiries through the Senate Investigating Committee concerning individuals from various countries who had been brought into the United States under AGVA performance contracts in the past.

Concerning the "exotic dancers", of 1958, he stated after the [ ] incident, his service issued visas only after an individual investigation was conducted concerning the dancer and location where she was to perform, and accordingly the number of requests for these visas decreased.

June 22, 1962

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To: SACs, Albany  
Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

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ALLEGED PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
WSTA MATTERS

On 6/19/62, [redacted] investigator for INS  
testifying before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, identified  
[redacted] Canada, as  
having recruited Canadian girls for night clubs in Wisconsin and  
Chicago, Illinois, where "immoral activities and perversion" prevail.  
[redacted] claimed that [redacted] recruited young and inexperienced Canadian  
girls through newspaper advertisements promising them stardom in  
the United States. He gave case examples of [redacted]  
as [redacted] (subsequently determined to be [redacted]  
[redacted] who after being recruited were sent to the  
[redacted] Night Club in Wisconsin where they were [redacted] and  
made to understand by the management that if they wanted to engage in  
illicit relations such would be permitted. It was claimed that [redacted]  
[redacted] were shipped "by the management" to Calumet City, Illinois,  
where they were employed by [redacted] of the Riptide  
Club, who in turn forced [redacted] to submit to his sexual desires.

The girls at the Riptide Club, according to [redacted] were  
beaten regularly to keep them in line and he testified that there were  
back rooms available "where the girls took the men for immoral  
purposes." Both were [redacted] by INS and [redacted] was of the  
conviction that a conspiracy existed between the Paramount Booking  
Agency, representatives of the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA)  
and the organized crime element in the Chicago area.

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**Airtel to Albany**  
**ALLEGED PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES**

Investigation has previously been conducted concerning [redacted] who have been identified as [redacted] and [redacted] by our Chicago and Milwaukee Offices during 1958 and 1959. In this regard, both furnished signed statements to INS investigators during 1958 indicating that they were in no way connected with prostitution activities in the United States. A check of INS records made by the Chicago Division on 6/20/62 revealed that the INS file for [redacted] was located in Washington, D. C., and that [redacted] file has been forwarded to INS, St. Albans, Vermont.

In view of the statements made by [redacted] WFO and Albany should immediately review INS files on both individuals and furnish full and complete information to the Bureau with copies to Chicago and Milwaukee. In addition, copies of signed statements given INS by both girls should be obtained and likewise submitted to the Bureau.

This matter must receive immediate investigative attention and facts submitted to reach the Bureau not later than June 29, 1962.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee

DATE: 7/27/60

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: COMMERCIALIZED PROSTITUTION CONDITIONS

Hurley, Wisconsin  
WSTA

31-0-1175 program  
31-2173

The American Social Health Association, Inc. is a private association located at 1790 Broadway, New York City and periodically makes available to the Bureau confidential reports regarding commercialized prostitution conditions throughout the United States.

The Bureau has recently received a report covering captioned city which is enclosed for your information. The American Social Health Association has requested that the Bureau use every care to avoid any use by unauthorized individuals.

You should closely review this material in order to determine if there is any allegation of a violation of the WSTA or other statutes within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. If no violation exists, you should make sure that confidential informants and sources of information are developed in the vicinity of captioned city to make certain that any violation of the WSTA is immediately brought to the attention of your office. Of course, all reports of violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction must receive thorough investigative attention.

Any pertinent information in the attached report should be considered in evaluating criminal intelligence developments in the captioned area. The Bureau should be advised if the attached material is of any value to your office in connection with current investigations or the evaluation of criminal intelligence developments.

Enclosure

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Report reviewed  
no pertinent info. no lead  
previously known to  
MI-office  
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## RECREATION

### Booze & Buckshot

One night last week an edgy quiet lay over the border between Wisconsin and Michigan in the great Upper Peninsula sector south of Lake Superior. More than 270,000 armed Wisconsin men—enough for 18 Army divisions—huddled near campfires in the cold; another army of over 320,000 from Michigan waited restlessly near by, cleaning guns, checking ammunition. Finally, half an hour before sunrise, the first shot cracked through the pines. The 1961 deer season was under way.

Some of the hunters wore the new bright yellow tags, but most sported head-to-boots outfits in traditional red—cap, jacket, shirt, trousers, even suspenders. Pinned between their shoulders was a big red license plate. All were in moods ranging from festive to rambunctious. Said Rancher Bob Lahde, who "takes in" hunters: "You can tell how keyed up these hunters are by the way they eat. First day, they'll take maybe one of my hamburgers. Then they get a buck, and my wife and I can't get enough food moving to them."

Despite the swarming hunters, there are so many deer (in some areas 30 per sq. mi.) that there are roughly only three hunters for every legal buck (one with antlers at least 3 in. long). All are looking for the "big horse," a stag weighing over 200 lbs. with a ten-point rack.

**A Buck Well Spent.** Once a buck is bagged, many a hunter makes a beeline for Hurley, Wis. (pop. 2,763), affectionately known as the "Tijuana of the North." Traditionally, a triumphal entry into Hurley can only be achieved with a gutted buck on one's fender. To take care of this technicality, many trophyless hunters buy a bootleg buck for \$40 or \$50 from a local deerslayer, ride into town without having fired a shot. Hurley's six-block Silver Street is jammed with 56 bars, aswarm with dough-eyed girls.

Hurley's raffish oases have names like the Ever Amber Tap, Nora's Gold Nugget, Augie's Rainbow, Lovely Girls, and

Joan's French Casino. The loudest and most profane action is at Joan's, a small, chairless place cheered chiefly by the muted glow of the pinball machines. Joan, a 32-year-old blonde with a foul mouth and matching disposition, is the joint's leading (and only) attraction. Alternately kissing and cussing visiting huntsmen, Joan sets drink prices by a whimsical sliding scale based on how much the traffic will bear. Recalls one of Joan's customers: "Last year she had a big woodpile in here, and she just threw your change behind that. She made you feel like a heel if you dug around to get it back."

**Something to Do.** Everyone in Hurley expects an occasional raid by agents of the Wisconsin beverage and cigarette tax division. For staying open after hours a saloon owner coughs up \$500, can reopen next morning; for soliciting too obviously, a B-girl may be fined \$200. While sin is rampant in Hurley, and the town's three churches are fighting a losing battle to save its wild and woolly soul, the community is not totally without law and order. An estimated \$22,400 enters municipal coffers from saloon licenses, and Mayor Sam Giovanni is torn between righteousness and revenue. Admitting that some saloons should not be granted licenses, he says: "I'm not protecting them; I would like to see them run just as clean as in any other city. I think something



DEERSLAYERS IN HURLEY, WISC.  
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should be done about it." Hurley has heard the phrase before.

The deer season lasts for eight days; in the first four, Wisconsin counted four hunters dead of gunshot wounds, six of heart attacks. At season's end, the hunters and their red shirts disappear abruptly from Hurley's streets, vanishing southward into workaday anonymity. The girls drift away, and Hurley reverts to its somnolent tween-season existence as an iron-mining town.

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## Raid at Hurley Results in Fines

Journal Special Correspondence

Hurley, Wis.—Six persons arrested here Friday night in a raid by state beverage tax agents pleaded no contest and were fined either \$50 or \$100 in Iron county court Monday.

Four tavern keepers and eight women pleaded innocent to a variety of charges involving prostitution and tavern operations.

Three women were fined for soliciting for prostitution, and a man and two women were fined for being inmates of houses of prostitution.

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# DA Criticizes Hurley Bars Mayor Is Quiet

Hurley, Wis.—UPI—Hurley officials were reluctant Tuesday to comment on an immigration service investigator's report that two Canadian girls were held in "literal bondage" at the Band Box night club here.

Mayor Sam J. Giovanoni said he had "no comment."

Police Chief Henry Geach said he had "no opinion" on the report.

Only first term Dist. Atty. Alex J. Raineri of Iron county would talk freely about Hurley's notorious Silver st., where the Band Box and about 50 other taverns and clubs are located in this small northern Wisconsin community.

## Co-operation Is Lacking

Raineri, in the midst of prosecuting a case stemming from a recent crackdown on prostitution here in which nearly 20 persons were arrested at a half dozen places, said tavern operators "offer no co-operation" in the fight on vice in Hurley.

Raineri said that last month a girl was convicted of soliciting for prostitution at the Band Box.

Mathew Connors, city clerk, said Tuesday that the Band Box had been operated for the last eight years by John Kalasardo and his wife, Teresa. She now holds the license.

The Band Box features strip tease dancers. The sheriff's office said the only recent law violation on its record was for remaining open after hours in March, 1956. The fine was \$125.

Raineri said that in the last two years he had noticed no Canadian girls working in Hurley clubs.

"But they did in 1958, I remember," he added.

## Too Many Licenses

Gordon Corry, head of the enforcement branch of the state beverage tax division at Madison, said his agents had raided Hurley night spots "two, three or more times a year."

Hurley has too many tavern licenses for its size, said Corry. "But we can't do anything about that because it's the city's business."

Raineri said it was very hard to prosecute vice cases after raids. He said girls arrested for soliciting would produce contracts claiming they were legitimate entertainers and the tavern operators backed them up.

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## Hurley, an Ugly Blot

Testimony before a congressional committee has now spread before the American public the vice and degradation of Hurley's multiple dives in revolting detail. This is an old, old story to Wisconsin, so familiar as to be taken too much for granted.

State beverage tax agents raid Hurley's notorious Silver st. dumps from time to time and arrest a few bartenders and women inmates on various vice charges. Convictions are rare. There has been little concerted local effort to clean up the situation.

There are good people in Hurley who writhe over the town's bad reputation. There haven't been enough, though, to effect much change.

The sinful story of Hurley, as revealed before the congressional committee by federal agents, should stir the citizens of Wisconsin out of lethargy and indifference if anything can. The state has tolerated that festering sore, that stench on our northern border, far too long. Hurley is an ugly blot on the reputation of our state and people.

Silver st. must be cleaned up. The state should extend every possible help and encouragement if local officials now show any determination to clean up the community and keep it that way. If not, the state has a responsibility to act alone. It may be necessary to send state beverage tax agents on raids into Hurley so often that the purveyors of vice and their victims will drift away. That, of course, imposes an undue burden on the people of the rest of the state for "superpolicing" one little border town, but it may be the only effective early cure.

The legislature should enact a state tavern licensing law. This should require that a tavern operator have a basic state permit, granted on the basis of good character and record, in order to obtain a local liquor license.

Such a law would go far to bring the situation in Hurley under control. It would help in Milwaukee and other Wisconsin communities that have some unsavory taverns which local politicians don't quite have courage to close. Hurley is but the extreme, sickening example of how much state tavern control is needed.

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# State Officials Pledge Crackdown on Hurley

## Gronouski, Reynolds Vow All-Out Drive; Local Police Arrest Three Girls

Journal-Madison Bureau  
Madison, Wis. — State Tax Commissioner John Gronouski said Friday that his department would spearhead an all-out crackdown on vice in Hurley.

The commissioner's announcement came on the heels of the arrest of three girls late Wednesday and early Thursday morning by city and county officials in Hurley. The three were charged with being inmates of a house of ill fame under a Hurley city ordinance.

Arrests by local officials have been infrequent. Recent congressional investigations have put the spotlight on vice in the city. State officials arrested 16 persons in a June 8 raid.

### Meeting of Officials Planned

Gronouski said that he and Atty. Gen. John Reynolds would meet with leading citizens of the northwoods city on June 30 to explain the cleanup program and invite local co-operation. He said that plans were mapped out in a conference with Reynolds and Gov. Nelson.

"The full resources of the department's beverage and cigarette tax and intelligence divisions will be utilized in the crackdown," Gronouski said. "If success requires the assigning of 30 men to Hurley on a permanent basis, 30 will be assigned."

"I am sure that the vast majority of Hurley's citizens are as anxious as we are to rid Hurley and Wisconsin of this ugly affront to human decency."

### Might Seek Additional Laws

The tax commissioner said that if additional statutory powers were required to insure the success of the drive, the necessary bills would be drafted for the next legislative session.

Reynolds said Friday that he was happy that local officials in Hurley were taking an active part. He said the June 30 meeting would be the first step in co-operation between local and state authorities.

Police Chief Henry Geach of Hurley said Thursday that his department was determined to clean up the city, "with a little help from the outside."

### Three Girls Arraigned

The three girls appeared Thursday before Iron County Judge George Sullivan.

Mary Lori Douglas pleaded guilty to a charge of being an inmate of a house of ill fame. She paid a \$50 fine. She was arrested at the Club 26 at 26 Silver st.

Carole Schuller, 28, and Shawnee Marie Marelli, 28, pleaded innocent to similar charges. Miss Schuller was arrested at the Hula Hut. Miss Marelli was arrested at the Four Aces tavern.

Miss Schuller and Miss Marelli were also arrested in the June 8 raid.

As a result of the raid on June 8, Miss Marelli was fined \$100 for soliciting at the Hula Hut and Miss Schuller was fined \$50 for being an inmate at Kay's bar.

Both women were freed Thursday after posting bail of \$100 each. The pair were ordered to appear at 2 p.m. next Tuesday for trial.

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Re telephone conversations with SA [ ] 6/27/62.

SA [ ] telephonically contacted Milwaukee Office about 10:15 a.m. requesting information concerning number of Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering-Prostitution cases that had been opened in regard to activities in and around Hurley, Wis.

Review of ITAR category files pending and closed indicates that there have been no cases investigated under above mentioned character.

SA [ ] was advised that Milwaukee Office has maintained good informant coverage in Hurley, Wis. concerning all criminal activity and information is being received to the effect that all females involved in prostitution activities at Hurley are traveling intrastate usually from Milwaukee, Wis. It has been determined that most of these girls are handled by local Milwaukee pimps mostly colored males. As there is no evidence at this time that pimps or prostitutes are connected with any figures in the racketeering world no investigations have at this time been instituted in ITAR category.

The Milwaukee Office is keeping alert for cases that would fit the criteria set out in Bulet to all offices dated 2/6/62.

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# Strippers' Official Charges Smear

## President of AGVA Says Senators Are Misplacing Blame for Honky Tonk Ills

Washington, D. C. — P—Comedian Joey Adams Tuesday accused the senate investigations



Adams

subcommittee of smearing the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) as the subcommittee ended two weeks of hearings on alleged involvement of the guild in prostitution rackets. Adams is president of the Guild, an AFL-CIO union for entertainers in the United States and Canada.

In a shouting, table thumping exchange, Senator McClellan, the subcommittee chairman, accused Adams and the union of failing to protect striptease dancers from enforced prostitution and other indignities at the hands of hoodlum owners of honky tonk night clubs.

### Claims Power Lacking

Adams contended that the union lacked the power to enforce its labor contract provisions forbidding the practices.

McClellan replied "that everybody knew the power of unions" to strike, if necessary, to redress wrongs for their members.

Adams insisted that McClellan was heaping on the union blame for the failure of federal, state and local police to do their law enforcement jobs.

"I'm starting with you," McClellan told him.

McClellan said a later round of hearings would bring the treasury and justice departments and other government agencies before the subcommittee to tell what they were doing about night club racketeers.

Adams said AGVA and its membership "measure up to the highest standards of decency, morality and patriotism."

However, he acknowledged

that he had learned from the hearings of abuses of members of his union that he had never suspected before.

### Cleanup Steps Promised

As did Jackie Bright, the union's administrative secretary, Adams promised to call AGVA's executive committee into session quickly to consider cleanup steps.

McClellan charged that at the union's annual convention earlier this month Adams led a

fight to block a resolution demanding the black listing of offending night clubs, the suspension or expulsion of AGVA artists who engage in prostitution and other illegal acts, and the withdrawal of AGVA talent from booking agents who connive with hoodlum operators.

Adams said he had made a speech against the resolution, but only because the union long had been on record to the same effect.

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# Strip Joints Are Assailed Miami Places Cited

Washington, D. C. — UPI —

The chief of Miami's crime commission told senate investigators Wednesday that strip joints had replaced houses of prostitution on Florida's gold coast. He said they got away with abuses which police would never have tolerated in the old days.

Daniel T. Sullivan, operating director of the nonofficial crime commission, said the modern day strip tease house had degenerated into a "clip joint."

"Frequently in such places," Sullivan told the senate racketeering investigating committee, "the cheating of customers, padding of bills, robbery of patrons, substitution of drinks, and the vicious exploitation of patrons who become senselessly intoxicated under a relentless system of solicitation, is the rule rather than the exception."

## Police Are Blamed

Sullivan testified as the committee moved toward a conclusion of its investigation into the connection between the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) and hoodlum controlled night clubs.

Sullivan charged that conditions at the "clip joints" could not exist without the knowledge of the police.

He said it was unfortunate that the term "B-girl" had come to be used with reference to entertainers at night spots.

"It's not a B-girl racket but a prostitution racket," he said. B-girls are those who cadge drinks from customers.

Subcommittee Chairman McClellan (Dem., Ark.) commented

that AGVA was by acquiescence, if not more directly, permitting use of its members for immoral purposes. He said that although it operated under the sanction of federal law, the union did not require that cafe operators withhold federal social security taxes.

## Made "Immoral" Dates

A stripper named Kim Standlee testified Tuesday that she made dates "for immoral purposes" while working in Baltimore. She said this was a common practice.

But, she said, no one ever told her to hustle drinks from customers. She also said she did not know of any other Baltimore show girl who was forced to do so.

Miss Standlee, born Elaine Eckhardt in Pittsburgh, said she became an exotic dancer after a short career as an office worker and now earns \$70 a week for two shows a night.

## Paid Bartender \$20

On nights when she made dates "for immoral purposes," she said, she would frequently leave early from the Oasis club where she worked.

"I paid \$20 when I left the club each time to Maurice (Muzzy) Mazer, bartender in charge, and did not return to the club again that night," she said. An earlier witness testified that Baltimore showgirls were required to pay money at some clubs in order to leave the premises.

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Kim Standlee



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Two witnesses who invoked the protection of the fifth amendment when questioned Tuesday before the senate rackets committee in Washington were Samuel Holtzman (left), Wheeling, W. Va., and Sebastiano Miceli (right), also known as Sam Mitchell, Calumet City, Ill. Their attorney, H. Clifford Alder, sat between them.

# Young Girls Enslaved at Hurley, Probe Told

## Witness Asserts Teen Agers Are Recruited in Canada, Forced Into Prostitution

Washington, D. C. — UPI — An immigration service investigator said Tuesday that an "international conspiracy" was recruiting teen age Canadian girls for United States strip joints where they were held in virtual slavery, forced to dance nude and take part in prostitution.

Glen F. Rice told the senate rackets subcommittee that a woman identified as Billie Brown of Montreal's Paramount Booking Agency had recruited Canadian girls for clubs in Hurley, Wis., and in Chicago area where "immoral activities and perversion" were carried out.

The subcommittee is investigating the relationship between the American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) and racketeer controlled night clubs.

### Practice Has Stopped

Another witness, Mario T. Noto, an associate immigration commissioner, said the service had put a stop to the recruiting of Canadian girls for United States night club strip shows. Since last March, he said, the service has been investigating the locale and the type of dancing that Canadian applicants for jobs would be doing.

Applications to work as belly dancers, strip tease dancers and for other jobs in "so-called girlie shows are rejected, Noto said.

Rice said Miss Brown's booking agency, which he described as an AGVA franchised agency, recruited young and inexperienced Canadian girls through newspaper advertisements, promising them stardom in the United States.

### Two Girls Sent to Hurley

He gave case examples of two girls—whom he named Miss X and Miss Y—who got jobs through Miss Brown's agency. Their experiences, he said, paralleled that of other Canadian girls whom he interviewed working in night clubs.

He said the girls were sent to the Band Box club in Hurley and were held in literal bondage by the club operator.

He said there were 11 Canadian girls there—most of them between the ages of 15 and 17.

[Operators of the Band Box for the last eight years have been John Kalasardo and his wife, Teresa. She now holds the license. The Band Box is a tavern which features strip tease dancers. The Iron county sheriff's department said the only violation by the Band Box shown on its records was a conviction and fine of \$125 for remaining open after hours in March, 1956.]

Rice told about how the girls slept in a long hall with a bodyguard at the front of the building 24 hours a day. He went on:

"Miss X and Miss Y observed drunks being rolled while working at the Band Box; both were urged by the owner and his wife to use whatever method

necessary to get men drunk so they could be rolled or spend their money.

### Tried to Escape

"It was made clear that if any of the girls wanted to engage in illicit relations with the customers, it was OK with the management."

He said the girls tried to escape but didn't get far because their car got stuck in the snow. After they were unable to get away, Rice said, "both were shipped by the management to Calumet City, Ill., to work."

He said they were employed by Al Holzman, manager of the Riptide club in Calumet City.

"Mr. Holzman knew they had no money so he forced Miss X to live with him and to submit to him," Rice said. "He threatened both girls and told them they wouldn't get very far, if they tried to escape, because the syndicate would find them."

[Holzman, now of Wheeling, W. Va., and Sam Mitchell of Calumet City were named by witnesses Tuesday as king pins in traffic of night club entertainers, the Associated Press reported.

[Both were called to testify Tuesday and both took the fifth amendment, refusing to answer more than 60 questions about the Riptide club in which they were partners, the subcommittee said.]

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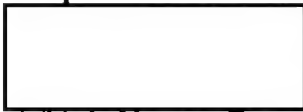
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# Hurley Officials Vow to Aid Vice Cleanup

Hurley, Wis.—Officials of this northern Wisconsin city promised Saturday to help state agencies in an effort to clean up vice conditions.

Hurley received nation-wide notoriety recently in testimony before a United States senate investigating committee on operations of female entertainers in local taverns.

A number of Hurley officials met with a state delegation at a meeting called by Tax Commissioner John Gronouski.

## Problem Must Be Solved

Gronouski said the state would do all in its power but needed local help. He said similar conditions probably existed in other areas of the state but

the condition was more pronounced in Hurley. He said the problem could not be allowed to continue and that the situation would be cleaned up "if it took six months or six years."

"We are here today and we are going to stay here until it is cleaned up," he told the meeting, which drew about 40 spectators at the Iron county courthouse.

Gronouski suggested, as a first step, that the Hurley city council adopt an ordinance prohibiting female entertainers from soliciting drinks from patrons at taverns.

James Flandrene, Hurley city attorney, said such an ordinance would be almost impossible to enforce, and said the

state should have such a law to make it more effective.

Robert Olson, a councilman, agreed to introduce such an ordinance at the next council meeting, July 10.

[Hurley Police Chief Henry Geach told a Milwaukee Journal reporter recently that one of the major problems in controlling vice there was the lack of a "B girl ordinance" such as exists in Milwaukee. City ordinances in Milwaukee prohibit female entertainers from sitting and drinking with customers.]

Edwin Sybelden, a Hurley schoolteacher and former alderman, said he thought the state should review its laws covering

tavern licensing and operations of night clubs and entertainers.

Gronouski said the state already had started such a survey and that he planned to submit proposed legislation to the legislature next winter.

## Licensing Could Be Stricter

Police Chief Geach said much of the difficulty arose from the fact that there was unlimited licensing of taverns in the city and that the council's licensing committee could be more strict.

Olson said that in the past aldermen usually overrode the police chief's recommendations on licensing.

Geach said there were 40 to 50 "good taverns" in the city but four to six others were the trouble makers.

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**INVESTIGATIVE INTENSIFICATION  
WSTA MATTERS**

During the recent inspection of the Milwaukee Office from 5/21 through 31/62, a survey was made of the WSTA cases in the Milwaukee Division, including a review of the WSTA Intensification Program. Attention was called to Bulet dated 1/19/62 wherein it is stated that the Bureau does not desire field offices to feel intensification should be limited to concentration on a single individual. If better results can be expected by concentration in another area such as houses, hotels, etc., this is permissible.

The inspector noted that we have indicated in the past that Hurley, Wis., located on the northern border of Wis., has many houses of prostitution. Indicative of the potential there is the case involving [redacted] MI file 31-2571, currently in a Pending Inactive status, since

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The inspector noted that [redacted]

Accordingly, the inspector noted that our intensification target should be changed to the Hurley, Wis., area and pointed out that by sending an additional agent to Hurley on a periodic, but not continuous, basis as part of an intensification program, a two-fold result can be obtained; (1) additional security can be afforded to an agent while contacting individuals of dubious moral background, and (2) this rich field of potential statistics can be exploited.

In view of the instructions of the inspector and the considerable publicity which has centered around the

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Hurley, Wis., area this area will be considered our WSTA intensification target for the time being.

SA JOHN T. MC CARRIER is instructed to make more frequent contacts in that area in the future.

SA [ ] who handles WSTA matters in Milwaukee, is also being instructed to arrange to go with SA MC CARRIER occasionally to Hurley for the purpose of conducting sensitive interviews and obtaining further background information on WSTA matters to assist him in his own investigations.

## Hurley Will Get State's Answer

Madison, Wis. —UPI— State Tax Commissioner John Gronouski's answer to a promise by Hurley Mayor Sam Giovanoni to crack down on taverns in Hurley will be released Monday morning, the tax commissioner said Saturday.

Gronouski said he would release contents of his letter to the mayor "when I'm sure he (Giovanoni) will have received it."

The Hurley mayor said in a letter to Gronouski that he and the city council would suspend or revoke any tavern's license if it violated any law calling for this action. License revok-

ing or suspension laws include those for late hours, gambling, prostitution and serving minors. Giovanoni's announcement puzzled many observers because the city council Tuesday night refused to adopt an ordinance proposed by the state which would have banned B-girls from soliciting drinks or mingling with tavern patrons.

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# Hurley Snubs B-Girl Curbs City Council Refuses Ordinance Offered by State Official

Journal Special Correspondence

**Hurley, Wis.** — The Hurley city council Tuesday night rejected both a state proposed ordinance dealing with B-girls and the resignation offer of Mayor Sam Giovanoni.

State Tax Commissioner John Gronouski appeared at the meeting to answer questions regarding the proposed ordinance. It would have prohibited B-girls from soliciting drinks or mingling with patrons.

After lengthy discussion, adoption of the ordinance was moved by Councilman Robert Olson. It failed for lack of a second.

The mayor's offer to resign then was unanimously rejected by the 12 member council. Giovanoni apparently made the offer as a test of strength.

## Opens State Intervention

He has been mayor of the city for seven and a half years and is opposed to state intervention in any cleanup campaign. After the council's vote of confidence, Giovanoni said, "Well, I guess I'll be battling the state of Wisconsin for a while longer."

The Milwaukee Journal came under criticism for its recent articles on vice in Hurley and several persons accused Gronouski of acting in co-operation with the newspaper.

Mayor Giovanoni termed the paper "that Milwaukee rag" and said his views were not presented in recent articles.

Councilman Bernard Barrett asked Gronouski if the newspaper's articles prompted his crackdown. The tax commissioner replied that action by his department had been planned for some time before the appearance of the stories.

## Denies Any Connection

"I don't own a cent of stock in The Milwaukee Journal and I don't write for The Milwaukee Journal," Gronouski said.

Reacting to the treatment which his ordinance received, Gronouski announced that he would hold a staff meeting Wednesday to consider other alternatives.

He had reiterated to the council that if the city did not clean up vice in Hurley, the state would be forced to act.

Also appearing at the meeting was David Carley, state resource development director. Carley discussed the possibility of obtaining an area redevelopment grant for Hurley, which has been hard hit by the closing of several near-by mines.

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# State to Lock Hurley Bars

## Repeated Violations by Four Licensees Are Noted

Journal Madison Bureau  
Madison, Wis.—The state has begun padlock actions and revocation proceedings against three taverns and four licensees in Hurley, the chief of enforcement for the state beverage and cigaret tax division said Thursday.

Gordon M. Corry said the actions would be filed in Iron county court within a day or two under state statutes covering repeated violations and abatement of a nuisance.

### Summons Issued

Dist. Atty. Alex J. Raineri said that at the request of Leonard Duescher, an investigator for the tax division, that he had issued a summons and a complaint for suspension or revocation for class B licenses against the four persons.

Raineri said he would issue the complaints against the three taverns Friday. He said the padlockings were being sought because of past convictions on charges of operating houses of ill fame.

The padlocking action involves two buildings containing three taverns on Hurley's Silver st. The buildings at 7 and 9 Silver st. contain Kay's bar and the Four Aces bar, which are licensed to Anton Lysczyk, Corry said.

### Other Is Hi-Ho Bar

The other building, at 21 Silver st., contains the Hi-Ho bar. Joseph Vita is the licensee and also owns the building, according to Corry.

The tax division chief said the Four Aces and Kay's bars have been closed since a state raid last June.

Revocation of licenses will be sought from Jack Gasbarri, licensee of the Club Carnival at 14 and 16 Silver st.; Mrs. Teresa Kalasardo, licensee for the Band Box at 22 Silver st.; Adele Petri, licensee of the Club Francis at 28 Silver st., and Joseph Vita of the Hi-Ho bar.

### Licenses Lost for Year

Should the revocations be granted, there would be no liquor permitted in the buildings for at least two months and the licensee could not re-apply for a license for at least one year, Corry said.

He said that two or more of his agents have been in the Hurley area all summer long. The revocations are all based on previous arrests, Corry said, but he did not have a list immediately available.

State Tax Commissioner John Gronouski said the padlocking and revocation actions were part of a continuing program of enforcement.

"I said before I was serious in this business and sooner or later people will realize that we are," Gronouski said.

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## Hurley License Revoking Asked

Journal Special Correspondence

Hurley, Wis.—The state beverage tax division Monday asked the Iron county circuit court to revoke or suspend combination retail beer and liquor licenses held by three tavern operators here.

Police Chief Henry Geach filed the papers on behalf of the state beverage tax division.

The tavern operators involved are Mrs. Theresa Kalasardo of the Band Box, 22 Silver st.; Miss Adele Petri, of the Show Bar, 28 Silver st., and Jack Gasbarri, of the Club Carnival, 14-16 Silver st.

Each defendant was ordered

to appear in court within 20 days of service of the complaints to show cause why the license should not be revoked or suspended.

The complaints list prior convictions for violations of state laws, including 11 convictions against Miss Petri since 1959, six against Mrs. Kalasardo since 1955 and three against Gasbarri since 1961. All involved remaining open after hours.

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# One Man Drive Closed 'Wide Open' La Salle

Hurley Could Get Rid  
of Vice, Too, Says  
Attorney Who Led  
Cleanup Campaign

By EDWARD D. WILLIAMS  
Of The Journal Staff

La Salle, Ill. — For 100 years this northern Illinois city had a reputation as a "wide open" town.

But it was cleaned up in six months by a tough state's attorney who scorned social pressure, political pressure and a rock through his window.

The man who reformed La Salle says Hurley, Wis., could be reformed, too.

"If La Salle, which had a terrible reputation, could be cleaned up, any city in the country can be cleaned up," said Harland D. Warren, who served as state's attorney for La Salle county for eight years. Warren said his formula was simple. "I hit the kingpin and everything else crumbled," he said. "Gambling and vice were widespread in the whole county when Warren was elected state's attorney in late 1952. He went to work on La Salle because as La Salle went, so went La Salle county."

The "kingpin" in La Salle was Thomas J. Cawley, once a conductor on an interurban streetcar, who was the gambling czar in La Salle county for 20 years before Warren forced him to shut down in 1953.



Warren

## Big Income Told

Cawley told the United States senate crime investigation committee in October, 1950, that he made \$67,000 a year from gambling. He testified that local officials never interfered with his operations because he contributed to both political parties.

Cawley, who died in January, 1959, went into the real estate business after being convicted and fined for his gambling operations. Although he had concentrated only on gambling, vice centers operated by others closed down with him.

Warren said he didn't waste time going after "little fish" because he knew they would realize they had no immunity if the "big fish" had none.

## He's Heard of Hurley

Warren said he had heard of vice operations at Hurley, Wis., and said there was no reason why the city couldn't be shut down tight.

"Gambling and prostitution cannot exist in a city if the police chief wants to do his job. In the county, it's the same thing with the sheriff or state's attorney," Warren said.

Warren took office on Dec. 1, 1952, and on Dec. 2, even before all the handshaking had ended, made it clear to all mayors in the county that gambling had to go.

A short time later a rock

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Subject: INVESTIGATIVE INTENSIFICATION  
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Re Bureau letter to Albany, 4/4/61, and Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 8/6/62.

Re: WSTA MATTERS,  
Hurley, Wisconsin  
Milwaukee file 31-1910

Due to widespread publicity of raids by the Wisconsin State Beverage Tax agents, there is very little vice activity in Hurley, Wisc., at the present time. On 8/14/62, [redacted] Vice Squad, Milwaukee, Wisc., PD, advised SA [redacted] that he had just returned from a vacation in northern Wisconsin and had met two agents from the Wisc. State Beverage Tax Commission, and they advised him that the bar brothels in Hurley have temporarily closed their doors and the prostitutes are staying out of sight. He said the agents were of the opinion that as long as they stayed in the area there would be very little vice in the area but that as soon as they left town it would undoubtedly become wide open because the local citizens did not particularly desire that vice be eliminated.

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was thrown through his front door window.

His job was a tough one because since 1850 the city had a free and easy reputation with coal miners and river boat crews who liked their cards, liquor and women.

Cawley quit his conductor's job in 1926 at the age of 31 and opened a cigar and hand-book with a partner, who died the next year.

For 25 years he was able to keep out musclemen from Chicago and other points because the mayors had them run out of town. The residents of La Salle developed the belief that gambling and vice were all right if run by local men, and Cawley was a popular man in the community.

#### 480 Gambling Stamps

When Warren took office in 1951, the city had 100 taverns for its 12,000 persons and most of the county's 480 federal gambling stamps were bought in the city.

Today that stamp figure, which topped all Illinois counties, has diminished to none.

In September, 1952, Cawley spent \$100,000 for remodeling of his three-story casino, which was the successor to his cigar store.

The next month he appeared before the senate committee, headed by Senator Kefauver (Dem., Tenn.) and admitted his operations openly, saying he got his gambling equipment and wire service from Chicago but that he had no connection with the syndicate.

#### Hired Two Detectives

Warren conducted his investigation of Cawley himself "because I couldn't trust any of the local officials." He hired two private detectives from Chicago who made detailed reports.

"I spent \$1,010 of my own

money, but I knew I would get it back," he said.

Finally on Feb. 21, 1952, Warren himself led a raid on Cawley's casino. The day, a Saturday, was chosen deliberately, Warren said to add to Cawley's inconvenience in making bond after being booked.

When Cawley was convicted and fined \$8,000 in September, 1953, he quit his gambling because he knew a second conviction would bring a mandatory jail sentence, Warren said.

Warren said he had to do the job alone except for the support of the three newspapers in the area. "Without them the job would have been extremely difficult," he said.

Warren also cracked down on bingo at churches, pinball machines, slot machines and theater "bank night" lotteries.

Hamies said that during the time La Salle ran wide open "not one important industry was located here. Now we have 11 major companies in the area."

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Hurley, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with agents of the Wisc. State Beverage Tax Commission and will follow the future reopening of bar brothels in Hurley and report any possible WSTA violations.

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Re Bulet to Albany, 4/4/61 and Milwaukee airtel  
to Bureau, 8/7/61.

Re WSTA MATTERS  
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On 8/28/62, GEORGE D. SULLIVAN, County Judge, Iron County, Hurley, advised that the Silver Street "spots" (bar brothels) in Hurley are closed, with few exceptions, and night life activity is limited to the three night clubs, the Club Carnival, Kalasardo's Bandbox, and the Show Bar, owned by the Club Carnival. These places are now strictly adhering to the 2:00 A.M. closing law, as proscribed by state statute and city ordinance.

Approximately three weeks ago, the Department of Taxation of the State of Wisconsin sent three income tax auditors and investigators to Hurley, who have been there since, checking and auditing the State Income Tax returns of various Hurley tavernkeepers, businessmen and local politicians. They arrived immediately after a petition was circulated in Hurley, sponsored by the Mayor, to remove the Hurley Police Department from civil service and return

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it to the hire and fire status under control of the Mayor. The Attorney General's Office of the State of Wisconsin obtained a copy of the petition upon its being filed with the City Clerk, and reportedly those who signed the petition are being checked by the Income Tax auditors.

Judge SULLIVAN also stated that the State of Wisconsin has filed six separate actions in his Court, concerning the revocation of Hurley tavern licenses and padlocking of premises, as follows:

1. Complaint of the Wisconsin Division of Taxation against ADELE PETRI, legal owner of the Show Bar, where City of Hurley has issued a combination beer and liquor license, demanding revocation of this license because of past closing law convictions of the premises;

2. Similar complaint against JOHN (Jack) GASSARRI, legal owner of the Club Carnival premises, claiming four closing law convictions in 1961-62;

3. Similar complaint against JOE VITA, owner of the Hi-Ho Bar, charging morals violations from 4/29/55 to 6/26/62;

4. Similar complaint against TERESA KALASARDO, owner of the Rambler, charging seven past closing law convictions;

5. A padlock action brought by the District Attorney of Iron County in the name of the State of Wisconsin, charging that JOE VITA, as legal owner of May's Bar and the Four Aces Bar, had permitted the premises to be operated as a disorderly house, knowingly used for purposes of lewdness, assignation, and prostitution, and demanding that the premises be declared a nuisance by the Court and be closed or "padlocked" for a period of one year;



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6. A similar padlock action brought against JOE VITA as owner of the Hi-No Bar, similarly charging knowledge of its operation as a disorderly house and a nuisance, and demanding the closing for the year period.

Judge SULLIVAN advised that the cases had been joined by answer from all the defendants filed 8/21/62, all represented by Attorney CHARLES L. SANTINI, of Ironwood, Michigan, and all denying the charges as made. Date for hearing on the actions not set as yet, and Judge SULLIVAN fully expected that defendants would file an affidavit of prejudice against him, as he was District Attorney and prosecuted some of the violations set out in the complaints.

On 8/27/62, Sheriff JAMES "Jerry" THOMAS, Iron County, advised an Agent of this Office that while the Silver Street area was not under his jurisdiction, his information was that only prostitution existing was personal contact of some of the old time prostitutes with their regular customers by private arrangement. No soliciting activities and no prostitutes around the bar brothels, most of which have stayed closed since the June 8, 1962 raid.

It was Sheriff THOMAS' opinion that Hurley would never again be as active in the future as it had in the past regarding prostitution and vice activities. This had no relation to the current state raids, which he described as a temporary matter of political expediency, where state officials hoped to reap some political advantage through publicity from actions taken in Hurley.

Sheriff THOMAS stated that the permanent shut down of the Montreal iron mine on 8/10/62 was of much greater significance in considering what the future holds for Silver Street. About 625 families are affected by the

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closing; through generations the mines have supported the community and its various activities; a considerable part of the large paychecks found their way to Silver Street taverns and brothels as the miners were always known as heavy spenders and patrons of these places.

Because the operation of the taverns and bar brothels have relied on these miners and their earnings, the lack of this revenue will result in many not opening in the future.

Sheriff THOMAS pointed out he has no interest, financial or otherwise in Silver Street, has no primary jurisdiction in the enforcement of the City ordinances affecting its operation, and is not well acquainted with any of the operators along the "street". As a life long resident of the community, and a former mine employee, he was stating his candid prediction of the future of Silver Street.

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#### THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

##### At Hurler, Wisconsin

Will keep in contact with local sources of information concerning further developments as to vice activities in the community.

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WSTA MATTERS**

Bulet to Milwaukee dated 8/23/62, copy of which has been charged out to SAs [redacted] and JOHN T. MC CARRIER, was highly critical of our WSTA program in the Milwaukee Division and instructed that immediate steps be taken to correct the situation.

In furtherance of these instructions on 8/28/62 I discussed this matter with [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom are investigators for the Wis. Dept. of Taxation, Beverage & Cigarette Tax Division, Room 1120, State Office Bldg., 1 W. Wilson St., Madison 2, Wis. These men were participating at the time of my discussion with them in a surveillance of Alioto's Restaurant on Bluemound Rd. where it was thought that a large gambling operation was under way.

These men advised that their agency has had a great deal to do with policing bars and hotel lounges, etc., throughout the state and they feel that [redacted] Chief of Enforcement in their agency, will cooperate fully with the FBI in making results of their investigations available to us.

For example, on 8/8 and 9/62 they raided a number of places in Hurley, Wis., described as follows:

1. Club 13, 13 Silver St.
2. 4 Aces, 9 Silver St.
3. Kay's Miniature, 11 Silver St.
4. Club Hi-Ho, Joe Vita operator, 21 Silver St.
5. Ritz Bar, 17 Silver St.
6. Mula Hut, 117 Silver St.
7. Club Carnival, Silver St.

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Complete reports of these raids were made and a number of pimps and prostitutes were fingerprinted and photographed and Bureau identification records reportedly were obtained and are in the files of this agency at Madison. These agents particularly recalled the names of two prostitutes, TOMMY MARIE LA RUE, white, female, age 21 to 22, and KATHY MORRIS, white, female, age 21 to 22, both of whom apparently flew into Wis. from N.Y., as indicated by flight tickets found in their possession. Details are in a report submitted by these agents and now on file in Madison. These two prostitutes and others were photographed and fingerprinted and these agents believe they may have been involved in prostitution elsewhere.

TOMMY MARIE LA RUE reportedly claims she worked at one time in the La Salle Hotel, Milwaukee, as a prostitute and that JOE and IRV, bartenders at the La Salle Hotel, were pimps for many of the show girls and other prostitutes who worked in Milwaukee and lived at the La Salle Hotel. FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, one of the top hoodlums in Milwaukee, reportedly owned this hotel up until several years ago and it is well known as a place of prostitution.

It appears from the above information that Mr. GORDON CORRY, Wis. Dept. of Taxation, Madison, may well be able to furnish this office a great deal of information re prostitution and crime conditions in Wis. which will be of great interest to the semi-annual report we have to submit on crime conditions in Wis. and which will help us to obtain some successful WSTA prosecution. The above mentioned agents believe that we can make WSTA cases if we get around the statement by prostitutes and police officers to the effect that most of the girls in Hurley, for example, actually come from Milwaukee or somewhere in the state. They advise that many of these girls in an apparent effort to establish themselves as local residents do come into the state and go to Milwaukee, for example, where they stay for 2 or 3 days after which they get into prostitution here or elsewhere and claim not to have traveled interstate if they are interrogated by our agents. It should be an easy matter to prove that they actually reside in other states and possibly have been active in prostitution in other states.

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MILWAUKEE OFFICE - AT MADISON, WIS.

SRA ALEXANDER D. MANSON is requested to make immediate contact

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of Mr. GORDON CORRY, Chief of Enforcement, Wis. Dept. of Taxation, for the purpose of obtaining permission to review his files or otherwise obtain information therefrom re possible WSTA violations or other information of interest to our semi-annual survey of crime conditions in Wis. If this information is available, SA [ ] should be advised and he should proceed to Madison for a review of these files after which he should also proceed to Hurley, Wis. with SA JOHN T. MC CARRIER for the purpose of attempting to develop background and making prosecutable cases in the WSTA classification.

AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

SA [ ] is instructed to make appropriate inquiry concerning prostitution activities at La Salle Hotel and the true identity of JOE and IRV, referred to above as bartenders, and who are pimps for prostitutes. In this connection IRV was described by above investigators as being a "queer" and JOE and IRV arrange dates for as low as \$5 and up. Both of these could be excellent informants if it were possible to develop them.

Particular emphasis should be placed on activities of TOMMY MARIE LA RUE and KATHY MORRIS, referred to above, since the state investigators recall that they came directly from New York City to Milwaukee for the purpose of prostitution. Keep in mind that WSTA or ITAR violations might be made against these two girls and others in connection with their own interstate travel without pimps for purpose of prostitution.

Above leads should be expedited since the Bureau insists that we give this matter preferred attention with a view to obtaining early prosecutions.

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AIR MAIL

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Re Bulet to Albany 4/4/62 and MI airtel to Bureau 9/28/62.

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On 10/10/62, JAMES J. "JERRY" THOMAS, Sheriff, Iron Co., Hurley, advised SA JOHN T. MC CARRIER the Co. Court of Iron Co. was then hearing contested actions brought by the State of Wis. against local tavern operators, night club owners and bar brothel owners and operators for revocation of beer and liquor licenses and padlocking of the license premises.

Sheriff THOMAS advised all the defendants had the same attorney CHARLES SANTINI of Ironwood, Mich. who was reportedly providing a spirited defense to the Hurley technical, statutory prosecutions in these cases.

Sheriff THOMAS advised it did not appear Iron Co. District Attorney ALEX RANIERI, who is the attorney for most of the tavern keepers and bar brothel operators on Silver St., Hurley had his heart in the prosecution of the actions. However, the office of the Attorney General, State of Wis., who instigated the actions, which are brought in the name of the

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state, had not seen fit to provide a member of the Attorney General's Staff to either try these actions or assist in their prosecution.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT HURLEY, WIS.

Will keep in contact with local sources of information concerning further developments as to vice activities in the community.

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AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-2341-30)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-2743) (P)  
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIVE INTENSIFICATION  
WSTA MATTERS

Rebulet to Albany 4/4/61 and Milwaukee airtel  
to Bureau 8/31/62.

Re: WSTA MATTERS  
Hurley, Wis.  
MI file 31-1910

On 9/6/62 a Federal Grand Jury at Minneapolis, Minn. returned indictments against LOIS GASBARRI, age 40, operator of Club 13, a bar-brothel, 13 Silver St., Hurley, Wis., and LAWRENCE ELLIOTT O'BRIEN, age 25, a former parole violator from Minneapolis, Minn., on charges of violation of WSTA in transportation for immoral purposes from Minneapolis, Minn. to Hurley, Wis. of one NANCY ANN YOUNG, aka Sandy Johnson, age 22, of Minneapolis.

Indictment reportedly charged GASBARRI with inducing transportation of Victim from Minneapolis to Hurley, Wis. by bus on 6/11/62; O'BRIEN is charged with transportation of YOUNG by auto between the two cities on 5/2/62; and both are charged with her transportation by auto from Minneapolis to Hurley on 5/22/62.

On arraignment before USDC, Minneapolis, on 9/7/62, cases against both Subjects were continued, with an original bond of \$30,000 on GASBARRI reduced to \$10,000 by the court.

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O'BRIEN, upon appearance requested the services of a court appointed attorney.

[redacted] FBI [redacted] of the Milwaukee Office, in June, 1953 received a probationary sentence as keeper of a house of prostitution and as such a keeper under the State Repeater Statute. In January, 1930 her probation was revoked, and she was sentenced to the Wis. State Prison for Women, Taycheedah, Wis., from where she was released in November, 1931.

On 6/8/62 she was arrested at the Club 13, Hurley, during a raid by Wis. State Beverage Tax Agents and charged with being an inmate of a house of prostitution. On 6/27/62 she paid a fine of \$125 and costs upon plea of guilty before Iron County Court at Hurley.

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At Hurley, Wis.

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-2748) -P-  
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIVE INTENSIFICATION  
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RE: WSTA MATTERS  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
MI File 31-1910

On 10/18/62 a jury trial commenced before the USDC, Minneapolis, against LAWRENCE ELLIOTT O'BRIEN, age 25, of Minneapolis, and LOIS "FRENCHY" GASBARRI, age 49, of Hurley, Wis., operator of the Club 13, a bar-brothel in that city, on charge of violation of WSTA in the transportation for immoral purposes from Minneapolis, Minn., to Hurley, Wis., of one NANCY ANN YOUNG, age 22 of Minneapolis. An indictment on 2 counts against O'BRIEN and 1 count against GASBARRI had been returned by the Federal grand jury, Minneapolis, on 9/3/62.

On 10/22/62 the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all counts against O'BRIEN and GASBARRI; the U. S. District Judge postponed until a later date defense motions and sentencing of defendants.

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AT HURLEY, WIS.

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# Hurley Bars Ordered Shut Owners May Appeal

Journal Special Correspondence  
Hurley, Wis.—Iron County

Judge George Sullivan has ordered three Silver st. taverns in Hurley closed for a year as public nuisances. He also ordered 90 day suspension of four bar licenses.

However, he added that the three padlocked bars could reopen if owners posted \$2,000 surety bonds or \$5,000 cash bonds to insure that the premises wouldn't be used for illegal purposes.

The owners of the bars were expected to appeal the judge's orders.

An appeal might permit the bars to remain open at least until after the deer hunting season, the busiest time of the year in Hurley.

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Judge Sullivan said that Vitta had allowed lewdness, assignation and prostitution, and therefore the bars constituted a public nuisance.

Sullivan also ordered closing of the Hi-Ho, 21 Silver st., owned by and licensed to Vitta, as a public nuisance. He was convicted June 26 of keeping a house of prostitution.

Sullivan ordered 90 day suspensions of licenses at the Hi-Ho, Club Carnival, the Show bar and the Band Box, the latter three for convictions of illegally serving liquor after hours. He noted that three women at the Hi-Ho had been convicted this year of offenses involving prostitution.

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## Suspension Ordered

Sullivan ordered the Hi-Ho's license suspended 90 days, noting that Vitta also had been convicted of keeping a house of prostitution Apr. 29, 1955, and that three women at the Hi-Ho had been convicted in June in three cases involving prostitution.

Licenses of three other bars were ordered suspended because of convictions for illegally selling liquor after hours. They are the Club Carnival, 14

16 Silver st., licensed to Jack Gasbarri, two convictions in 1961, one in 1962; Show bar, 26 Silver st., licensed to Miss Adele Petri, one conviction in both 1959 and 1960, two in 1961 and one in 1962, and the Band Box, licensed to Mrs. Theresa Kalasardo, three convictions in 1961 and one in 1962.

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# Hurley Chief Gets Tax Job Geach Resigns

Journal Special Correspondence

Hurley, Wis. — Henry Geach, police chief at Hurley since May 1, 1956, has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 15. He said he would become an investigator in the sales and income tax division of the Wisconsin department of taxation. He said he would take a six week course at Madison before assuming his duties.

The department of taxation's cigaret and beverage tax investigators raided Hurley taverns in recent months in a drive against vice in the northern Wisconsin city. State officials moved in because, they said, local officials had not been able to handle the situation.

Geach had complained that there was unlimited licensing of taverns in the city and that the city council's licensing committee was too lax. He had said there were 40 to 50 "good taverns" but a half dozen others habitually caused trouble.

The chief had said that a major problem in controlling vice was the lack of a "B girl ordinance," such as Milwaukee's which prohibits female entertainers from sitting with customers.

Geach said Thursday that his resignation was a personal matter. He would make no comment on whether his move had any connection with his troubles with Hurley bars.

He said that he had been considering resigning for some time and that he had taken civil service examinations for the tax investigator post.

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## Teen Girls Held 'Virtual Prisoners'

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in Montreal by Miss Billie Brown of the Paramount Entertainment bureau, a booking agency for the union, and sent to the Band Box, a Hurley club.

After their first week there, the report said, one of the girls had only \$1.90 left of her \$100 in pay, after deductions for union initiation fees, costumes, food, lodging and transportation costs, advanced by Miss Brown.

(In June, 1962, the Band Box was operated by John Kalsardo and his wife, Teresa. Later, Iron county authorities moved to close the tavern after state tax officials threatened to move in.)

Failing in their attempt to escape, the report said, the girls were shipped to the Rip-tide club in Calumet City, where they "found most of the girls in the . . . area engaged in immoral practices."

Girls were beaten up, drunks were "rolled" for their money, and girl employees took men into rooms for "immoral purposes," the report said. One of the Canadian girls was forced to live with Al Holzman, identified as a "procurement" and a subcommittee witness who took the fifth amendment, according to the report.

The two girls finally escaped the Calumet City club and hitchhiked to Los Angeles, Calif., where they were arrested by immigration officers and returned to Canada.

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## No Vice In Hurley, Mayor Says

*Special to The Sentinel*

Hurley, Wis.—Senate subcommittee charges that an entertainment union conspired with night club owners here to import Canadian girls for prostitution brought an angry counterattack Wednesday from Mayor Sam Giovanoni.

"This sort of thing isn't going on now and I didn't know it was going on then," he said. "If it happened in 1957 and 1958, why are they making a big hullabaloo about it now? We're tired of being smeared."

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Giovanni struck out at newsmen.

"This gives the Milwaukee newspapers a chance to put Hurley back on the front page. Why don't they treat us like other towns? If there's crime in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine, they hide it in the back pages. We're tired of this monkey business. We're in trouble enough. We've got 54% unemployment. Why can't they (the newspapers) say something to help our community for a change?"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-2743)

WSTA ACTIVITIES.

RE ARTICLE APPEARING MADAME MAGAZINE JAN. TWELVE, SIXTYFOUR  
ENTITLED, GAMBLERS, GANGSTERS, KIDNAPING AND SHOW BUSINESS.

CAPTIONED ARTICLE STATES HOODLUMS IMPORT GIRLS FROM CANADA  
TO U.S. FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES, THAT GIRLS WERE HELD AGAINST THEIR  
WILL. ARTICLE FURTHER STATES GIRLS IMPORTED FROM CANADA WERE  
FORCED TO WORK IN CALUMET CITY, ILL. AND AT BARK BOX, HURLEY, WIS.

BUREAU REFER TO YOUR AIRTEL TO SAC-S ALBANY AND WFO  
JUNE TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTWO, ENTITLED, ALLEGED PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES  
CHICAGO, ILL. AND HURLEY, WIS., WSTA MATTERS, WHICH SUCCINCTLY b6  
SETS FORTH INFORMATION BY [ ] INVESTIGATOR, INS, b7C  
TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUB COMMITTEE JUNE NINETEEN,  
SIXTYTWO, RE CAPTIONED ARTICLE WHEREIN [ ] STATES THAT CANADIAN  
GIRLS WERE RECRUITED THROUGH NEWS MEDIA PROMISING THEM STARDOM  
IN U. S. [ ] CITED TWO CASES WHERE GIRLS WERE RECRUITED AND  
SENT TO BARK BOX NIGHT CLUB, HURLEY, WIS., WHERE THEY WERE

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[REDACTED] AND ENGAGED IN ILLEGIT RELATIONS. FROM HURLEY THEY REPORTEDLY WERE SHIPPED TO CALUMET CITY, ILL. WHERE THEY WERE EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] RIPTIDE CLUB, AND FORCED TO SUBMIT TO HIS SEXUAL DESIRES. THESE GIRLS WERE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] IN FIFTY-EIGHT OBTAINED SWORN SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM BOTH GIRLS STATING THEY TRAVELED BY THEMSELVES AND DID NOT ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION. BUREAU HAS COPIES OF THESE STATEMENTS.

INVESTIGATION, MILWAUKEE DIVISION, FIFTYEIGHT IN CASE ENTITLED, UNSUB, [REDACTED] VICTIMS, WSTA, REFLECTS VICTIMS ARE IDENTICAL WITH GIRLS REFERRED TO IN CAPTIONED ARTICLE AND DISCLOSED NO WSTA VIOLATION. DUBOIS FILE ON THIS CASE.

THIS ARTICLE IS MERELY REHASH OF [REDACTED]'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE INVESTIGATION SUB COMMITTEE IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO. CURRENT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HURLEY, WIS. FROM INFORMANTS AND SOURCES INDICATES THERE IS NO SUCH TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND HURLEY, WIS. BY FEMALES FOR PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION. THE BANE BOX, HURLEY, WIS., IS CLOSED AND HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME. MAIL COPY BEING FORWARDED CHICAGO.

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*Bill White Hottel by airmail 1/14/64*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (31-1910)

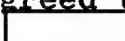
DATE: January 14, 1964

FROM :  ASAC

SUBJECT: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT ACTIVITIES

SAC Marlin Johnson, Chicago Office, telephonically advised 10:20 A.M., 1-14-64, he had received a phone call from Section Chief James Handley of the Bureau, this date, relative to an article which appeared in the recent issue of "Parade" Magazine. Briefly, the article refers to girls being transported from Canada to Hurley, Wis. and Calumet City, Ill. under the pretext of being employed as show girls, who were later held in bondage for prostitution. He specifically referred to a night club in Calumet City and to the Band Box in Hurley, Wis. which the Bureau is concerned about. Johnson explained that the Director noted this article and has raised a question concerning its contents.

I told Johnson that my recollection is that this is old information which had been explained previously, but that the matter would be checked. Johnson said Handley instructed that a teletype be submitted to the Bureau under above caption by the close of business today.

It was agreed that we would telephonically contact either Johnson or ASAC  in Chicago prior to sending our teletype, in order to assure that all facets have been covered. The teletype is to refer to the article, and set forth sufficient information to clarify.

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It appears the Band Box, which is the club in question in Hurley, is closed and this should be set forth, along with succinct statements pertinent concerning this article. There should also be set forth in the teletype information as to the current condition in Hurley, if there are any activities prevalent as indicated by the Parade Magazine article.

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### Simple Solution for Hurley

In a letter to The Journal, an attorney in Hurley, Wis., has suggested that the best way to close down houses of prostitution in that community is to let the tourists know that these places are out "to clip the sucker." This, he says, will "starve these dens out of business."

There is a simpler and more direct method. The law against prostitution is crystal clear. It says that a convicted prostitute may be fined up to \$500 or jailed for up to one year, or both. It declares that anyone who keeps a place of prostitution may be fined up to \$5,000 or imprisoned up to five years, or both.

If Hurley citizens are serious about stamping out this ugly blot, why not insist that the law be enforced?

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# New Hurley Bar Permits Are Periled

By RICHARD BRADEE

Sentinel Madison Bureau

Madison, Wis.—Twelve of the 27 tavern and bartender licenses granted by the Hurley common council this week are void because they were granted to persons with criminal records, out of state residents or persons acting as "fronts" for ineligible operators, State Tax Commissioner George Corning said Friday.

The state will start action to force the 12 out of business when the new licenses are scheduled to go into effect on July 1, Corning said.

"The Hurley city council Tuesday issued licenses to persons with known criminal records, ignoring a communication from us detailing the records," Corning said.

The letter, from Ellsworth O. Jones, director of the beverage and cigaret tax division, listed criminal records of the following tavern license applicants:

Jack Gasbarri, Teresa Kalasardo, Marcia Lyons, James Shields and Joseph Vita.

Jones also listed criminal records of Lois Gasbarri, James Vitich and Ann Montonati, applicants for bartenders' licenses and singled out John Briskie and Henry B. Kimball, applicants for tavern licenses, as "fronts" for ineligible applicants.

Applicants for bartenders' licenses who were residents of Ironwood, Mich., and not Wisconsin, Jones said, were Sally M. Anderson, Robert G. Palmquist and Richard Vardon.

Jack Gasbarri, operator of the Club Carnival, had 27 convictions, according to tax department records, including two for the felony of keeper of place of prostitution. Last year, he had five convictions.

Teresa Kalasardo, with a string of 11 convictions, was given a new license for the "Hand Box."

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# Aims at 'Criminal Record' Licensees State Moves on Hurley Bars

Sentinel Madison Bureau

Madison, Wis.—Bypassing local officials, the state tax department Monday started court action to force a Hurley tavern keeper with a criminal record out of business.

State Tax Commissioner George Corning said that the action is "the first of several" to be taken against taverns in Hurley operated with what the tax department considers invalid licenses.

In June, the tax department warned the Hurley common council that eight applicants for tavern licenses had criminal records and, under state law, were ineligible for licenses. The Hurley council disregarded the warning and issued licenses to all applicants who paid their fee.

On Monday, Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert Martinson filed a complaint in Iron county circuit court, signed by Corning, asking that the license of Marcia

Lyon, Hurley, be revoked, because of her criminal record.

According to Court Clerk Fred J. Ebli, Hurley, Circuit Judge Lewis J. Charles, Ashland, will hold a hearing Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at which time Miss Lyon will be required to show cause why her license should not be revoked.

Corning's complaint listed the defendant as Marcia Lyon, alias Marcia Ruth Lyon, alias Kay Martin. She was issued beer and liquor licenses for Kay's bar, 7 Silver st., Hurley on June 11.

According to the complaint, she was convicted of three felonies, twice for being an inmate of a house of prostitution and once for prostitution, and of three misdemeanors, soliciting twice and pandering once.

Corning asked Judge Charles to rule that because of her criminal record, she is unqualified to be licensed to sell beer and liquor.

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# State Tries to Close Hurley Establishment

was reluctant to attempt the

direct state action, brought under a little-used law.

"It should not have happened," he said in reference to the effort.

The Department of Taxation notified the Hurley Common Council in June that eight applicants for tavern licenses had criminal records and were ineligible. The licenses were issued to all applicants who had paid the required fees.

MADISON (AP)—George Corning, director of the Wisconsin Department of Taxation, said Monday his department had moved directly in an attempt to force a Hurley tavern operator out of business.

Corning said the action, which bypasses Hurley authorities, was "the first of several" to be taken against night spot operators in the Iron County community.

"We have exhausted all of our efforts to remedy the situation up there by other means," Corning said, "so we have no alternative."

Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert Martinson went into Iron County Circuit Court Monday, asking that the license of Marcia Lyon of Hurley be removed because of her criminal record. The complaint was signed by Corning.

Court Clerk Fred J. Ebli of Hurley said Judge Lewis J. Charles of Ashland scheduled a hearing for Sept. 8. At that time, Miss Lyon will be required to show cause why her license should not be removed.

If the ruling favors the state, Judge Charles can revoke the license and order that no other license be issued to anyone for the premises.

The complaint listed the defendant at Marcia Lyon, alias Marcia Ruth Lyon, alias Kay Martin. On June 11 she was issued beer and liquor licenses for Kay's Bar, 7 Silver Street.

According to the complaint she was convicted of three felonies—twice for being an inmate of a house of prostitution and once for prostitution; and of three misdemeanors—twice for soliciting and once for pandering.

Corning said his department

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## Hurley Bar Action Filed

### State Moves to Nullify Licenses of Those With Records

Madison, Wis.—UPI—George Corning, state tax commissioner, Monday started what he said would be the first of several legal actions to force out of business tavern operators in Hurley who allegedly have invalid licenses.

A complaint signed by Corning was filed in Iron county court, asking revocation of the license of Miss Marcia Lyon, Hurley. The complaint said she had a record of convictions for three felonies and three misdemeanors. The charges involved prostitution, being an inmate of a house of prostitution, soliciting and pandering.

The tax department in June warned the Hurley common council that eight tavern license applicants were ineligible to receive licenses under state law because they had criminal records. However, all applicants who paid the required fees were given licenses.

Hurley tavern licensing normally is a council function, with criminal inspection handled by the district attorney's office, but Corning said the state was acting because "we have exhausted all of our efforts to remedy the situation up there by other means."

A Sept. 24 hearing was set, at which time Miss Lyon will be required to show cause why her license should not be revoked.

Corning would not say if any action was planned against members of the Hurley common council who voted to issue licenses to the persons Corning's complaint says are ineligible.

In the June letter, the following Hurley tavern operators and convictions were listed in addition to Marcia Lyon:

Jack Gasbarri, 27; Lois Gasbarri, 12; Teresa Kalasardo, 11; James Shields, 7; Joseph Vita, 3; Montonati, 2; James Vitich, 1.

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# Prostitutes Imported, Bars Bustle

By JAMES G. WIEGHART  
Sentinel Staff Writer

Hurley, Wis.—Hurley still a wide open town—a haven for prostitutes and chiselers and a vice trap for Wisconsin's hunters during the deer season that opened Saturday. Despite pressure for reform from state officials, the three big strip joints in the city, bled their noses at the law and offered raw sex at inflated prices for the hunters.

The 25 or so exotic dancers who were brought here for the deer season from almost all over the country did not go deer hunting, but all are succeeding in getting their bucks. Some of the strippers complained that they are practically held in bondage during their Hurley stay. They said they are required to live on the premises and directed to eat by at Johnnie's cafe, where they are closely watched to see if they don't "cheat" by soliciting for prostitution independently.

The strippers said they got only a small percentage of their \$25 fee for prostitution, the rest "goes to the boss." If they are caught cheating, they said, their names would be placed on an "unfair" list and they would be unable to get bookings in any other strip joint in the country.

A Milwaukee Sentinel reporter found during a weekend check that the term "exotic dancer" is a misnomer here. While the girls are not stripping they serve as "B" girls and, in the case of many of them as prostitutes.

The Sentinel reporter was solicited for prostitution and overheard other customers being solicited for prostitution in all three of the strip joints—The Show Bar, Kalasardo's Band Box and the Club Carnival.

## Pet With Customers

All three are on Silver st., within a half block of each other.

At both the Show Bar and the Band Box there was heavy traffic into the "back room." At all three joints, strippers were petting with customers in the booths and even at the bar.

The method of operation was the same as is used in "clip joints" on Chicago's vice ridden near north side and in suburban Chicago's Calumet City.

At all three places the patrons, in this case mostly deer hunters, can buy a small glass of colored water for the girls for \$1.75. This entitles him to about a minute's conversation.

If the hunter buys enough of these drinks, the conversation grows more intimate and the patron is told that if he buys a \$25 bottle of champagne the "party" can adjourn to a booth or to the back room.

Although the state tax department is seeking to revoke licenses of all three establishments, partly for violation of the state 1 a.m. closing time, all three of them stayed open well past the closing time, both Saturday and Sunday.

The Show Bar closed about 3 a.m. both nights. The Band Box went about 1½ hours longer and the Club Carnival was bustling up until about 6 a.m.

## Police Absent

And where were the local police while this was going on? No uniform officers appeared to make periodic checks inside the taverns. A town squad car could be seen most of the time parked with its motor running in front of the police station.

The reporter made an anonymous call to the Hurley police station at 2:38 a.m. Sunday and informed a man who identified himself as patrolman Swanson that the three joints still were open. The officer asked if the caller knew that the places

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were serving liquor at that time.

When the reporter said they were, the officer said, "Well then, that's a violation."

The joints continued operating their usual after hours schedule, apparently without interference.

As one of the strippers put it, "We don't have to worry about the police here. They don't bother us none."

People here will tell you that vice has been tolerated locally since before the turn of the century when Hurley was a rough and tumble mining and logging community. Some of the local populace wink at the vice dens on Silver st. and look upon them as a local industry that adds glamor to their otherwise drab community.

#### Glamor Lacking

But that the vice is neither local nor glamorous can easily be learned by talking to some of the strippers. The suckers who are victims of the vice traps come to Hurley from all over Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois.

The Sentinel's weekend survey showed that the girls also are victims of the vice racket and that little of the money they solicit from the suckers goes to them.

The dancers get a modest salary, 10% of which goes to their "booking" agent. They said they get a commission of 25c for each \$1.75 drink they solicit and less than a \$5 com-

mission from the \$25 fee for prostitution.

Most of them say they do not mind chiseling the customers out of money because the customers are rude and at times brutal with the girls.

"They spend a couple of bucks for a drink and they think they own you," a stripper named June said. "Well, I've got news for them. If they don't treat me nice, I won't be nice to them."

#### Not Forced Into Sex

June, a 25 year old blond who is a native of Antigo, said that the girls are required to solicit drinks, but are not forced to be prostitutes.

"You don't have to worry about the local cops," June assured a customer who said he was worried about an after hours raid.

"The police department has given us permission to stay open until 3 a.m. during the deer season, then we all go over to the Club Carnival and work until 6 a.m."

When asked what the "state men" would do if they found the bar open after hours, she shrugged and said:

"They won't bother you, they will just add this charge against the owner to the other charges against him. He is going to lose his license for 60 days anyway but that doesn't matter because things close down here after the deer season."

June said she came to Hurley

from Louisville, Ky., where she said she had been working for the last five years.

The entertainers at both the Show Bar and the Band Box next door complained about the lack of heat in the establishments. They also complained that their sleeping quarters above the taverns were cold.

One of the Band Box strippers, Laura, about 25, put her boots on while soliciting drinks because her feet were cold.

"The boss will get mad at me if he sees this but by the time he catches me, I'll be warm again," she said.

#### Stripper Since 12

Another stripper in the Band Box came from Miami, Fla., to Hurley for the deer season. She said her name was Jean. She said that she is 23 years old and had been a stripper since she was 12.

Jean said she did not like Hurley. She said she came up here because "my agent sent me."

When a customer approached Jean and asked her if she could come to his motel instead of going to the back room, she said that she could not.

"I'd be afraid to do that," she said. "If they ever caught me, I would be in trouble. They would put me on the unfair list and I'd never get another booking. It's not worth it."

#### Took Off Shoes

Jean also complained that she was cold. After her act,

she sat at the bar, took off her shoes and placed her feet on the legs of a near-by patron.

At the Club Carnival, the strippers donned heavy woolen sweaters between acts in an effort to keep warm. One of the reasons the club and the other two places were so cold inside was because there was almost a constant stream of traffic in and out of the front door throughout the night.

Doreen, a stripper at the Carnival, said she was miserable because of the cold and the restrictions placed on the girls. She said she had planned to stay in Hurley two more weeks, but that she would leave Wednesday for her home state of Georgia.

#### Didn't Mind Cold

One of the few local "B" girls identified herself as Carmen Martell. She said she didn't mind the cold because she was used to it. About 3:30 a.m. Saturday when one of the hunters said he had to leave so that he would be ready to go deer hunting early, she said:

"Why don't you stay right here where it's warm. Forget about hunting. I know an Indian guide who will get a deer for you."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-2341-30)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (31-2748)  
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIVE INTENSIFICATION  
WSTA MATTERS

Re Bureau letter to Albany, 4/4/61; Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 10/12/62; Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 1/14/64; and Milwaukee airtel to Director, 10/30/64.

RE: WSTA Matters  
Hurley, Wisconsin  
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The enclosed newspaper clipping relates to a situation in Hurley, Wisconsin which has been occurring annually during the hunting season.

Previous efforts to establish the necessary elements of WSTA violations have been unsuccessful due to the fact that the transportation of entertainers to Hurley, Wisconsin has not been shown to be for immoral purposes.

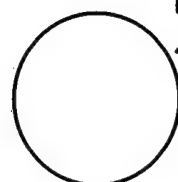
Milwaukee alerted informants and sources prior to the current hunting season for the purpose this year of pursuing particularly the ITAR - Prostitution violations. These informants are being contacted and consideration is being given to interviewing the prostitutes. [redacted] a PCI of the Milwaukee Office related to this office that he talked to no one who would be a witness to acts of prostitution on the part of any one of the entertainers. The information he developed as a reporter was only that of solicitation. Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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The State Attorney General's staff has indicated an intent on their part to make mass arrests at Hurley for prostitution and to close the following establishments: The Show Bar, The Band Box, and the Club Carnival, which are all located on Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin. At this time the state authorities have not finalized their plans of action and a continuing liaison is being maintained with the state investigators.

Milwaukee is obtaining license numbers of out-of-state cars located at Hurley in order to identify the out-of-state girls entertaining at Hurley and the names of possible procurers in that area. Milwaukee is also maintaining contacts with informants from the Hurley area in an effort to identify owners of out-of-state cars.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (31-1910)

DATE: November 23, 1964

FROM : ASAC

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SUBJECT: VICE CONDITIONS, HURLEY, WIS.

WALTER COLE

This is to record telephone call I received from Ass't. State Attorney General ~~Jim Hall~~. He related that he was in a conference with [redacted] of the Attorney General's investigative staff concerning the Hurley situation, and he desired to take some action now to put the operators of the night clubs out of business before the end of the hunting season.

He wanted to know specifically what we are doing. I told him that we had done some preliminary groundwork investigation earlier in an effort to get necessary evidence showing federal violations. I specifically pointed to the ITAR-Prostitution aspect. He wanted to know if we would cooperate in any mass action his office may plan.

In discussing specifically just what he had in mind, he indicated that he would like for us to supply manpower to his limited staff in order that arrests could be made and the individuals there brought before a judge whom he considers to be reliable and cooperative. I pointed out that we could not make manpower available in this capacity for a number of reasons. He pointed out that they could not rely upon the local police for any assistance, and this is why he feels that it would be desirable to utilize our manpower. I emphasized that we could not provide any such assistance in arrests.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that in the event his office decides to make wholesale arrests on local prostitution charges, we would be quite interested in interviewing the prostitutes in an effort to make federal violations. It was also agreed that we would maintain liaison contact with his personnel at Hurley. He stated he would finalize their plans of action and advise me later today where his personnel will be located in the area, in order that our Agents can keep in touch.

I discussed this matter with SAs [redacted] and McCarrier and alerted SA [redacted] to the information relative to possible mass arrests being made by the State Attorney General staff.

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TO : SAC (31-1910)

DATE: 11/22/64

FROM : SAA [redacted]

SUBJECT: VICE CONDITIONS-Hurley, Wis.  
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At 9:15 PM [redacted] Special Agent, State Attorney General's Office, home phone, Milwaukee LI 5-4682 called and advised as follows:

On the night of 11/21/64 he and [redacted] of the Milwaukee Sentinel went to Hurley, Wis. and made a tour of the town and found it to be operating wide open. They toured the following places:

Band Box  
Club Carnival  
Show Bar

They went in dressed as hunters and did not at any time identify themselves with a newspaper or with state law enforcement.

[redacted] advised that he obtained the following names and information concerning the girls:

[redacted] 100-1198-481 (80)

DOB [redacted] 67-5252

Supposedly from [redacted] She was supposedly fired that night or quit. She wasn't hustling fast enough.

[redacted] 31-3054-94 DOB [redacted]  
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Age, 40, French Canadian. Was supposedly brought in two weeks ago for the deer season

[redacted] 31-2094

Age 35 to 40 in 1956

Worked in Milwaukee, has a home in Indiana.

[redacted] latest ref is  
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DOB [redacted]

Age 25, Blond, Supposedly used to work in Antigo. She is supposed to be leaving Hurley with some business man, name unknown, to travel to Florida and then to Louisville, Ky.

[redacted] num refs on 31 recent but no recent refs all old.

Age 23 from Miami. She quit answering any questions very quick

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Supposedly used to work for FRANKIE BALISTREIRI in Milwaukee during 1957-59. Supposed to be from Springfield, Mo. and expects to leave in three weeks.

[ ] stated that they understood the girls come from all over but he was unable to give any names, dates, method of travel of other info to assist in establishing the authenticity of the story. He said he understood that the girls were held at the clubs by the fact that they would be put on a nation wide black list if they tried to leave or operate on their own outside the syndicate.

He gavethe following list of out of state cars around the area:

Minnesota	8 V-1505
Illinois	DM-1347
	LT-7188
Michigan	XY-1833 (64)
Wisconsin	S-8592
	J-1695
	L-9572
	U-5059
	K-3138
	J-2264
	G-4364
	Q98-47
	W7-454
	W81-487
	VK4-314
	s48-07
	C80-307

He stated that these cars were apparently show people or connected with the girls because they were around the Motels after the hunters were gone in the morning. Also at the White Way Motel were the following licenses:

Wisconsin	T6-299
	W48-307
	A80-985

ASAC and SA [ ] advised.